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Surrender arms, ultimatum to Tamils

COLOMBO, Dec. 20, (AP): President Junius R. Jayewardene said yesterday that Tamil rebels must surrender their arms to Indian troops within 45 days or face their military might.

Jayewardene, addressing a meeting of more than 8,000 members of the ruling United National Party, said he would grant a general amnesty to the militants if they gave up their arms.

The rebels must "surrender themselves physically and their arms in the next 1 1/2 months to Indian troops or be killed," he said.

Jayewardene signed a peace accord with India on July 29 to end the four-year-old Tamil separatist war. He agreed to grant autonomy to Tamil-dominated areas in exchange for an arms surrender.

A general amnesty was granted to the rebels under the accord, but was withdrawn after more than 200 Sinhalese villagers were killed in a rampage in early October.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest rebel group, has opposed the accord and demanded further concessions. More than 25,000 Indian troops are in Sri Lanka under the peace pact to disarm the rebels in the north and east.

Jayewardene also vowed to crush Sinhalese extremists who oppose the accord.

"The Indian Army will win in the north and east and we will win in the south," Jayewardene said.

Iraq beats back big Iranian offensive

BAGHDAD, Dec. 20, (Reuters): Iraq said today it had thrown back a big Iranian offensive on the south-central war front, but diplomats said Baghdad expected more attacks in the next few weeks.

A high command communiqué said the thrust, spearheaded by two brigades, was launched at 10.45 pm (1945 GMT) yesterday and was repulsed after about 12 hours of fighting.

Massed

It said the Iranians, whose normal brigade strength is about 4,000 men, attacked in the Zubaid marshland area about 200 km (125 miles) north-east of Basra. The Iraqis stalled a major assault on their country's second city early this year.

The Iranians, who were supported by tanks, suffered heavy losses and very few were able to escape, the communiqué said.

Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency confirmed the fighting in that region but denied that Iranian Army forces were involved.

It said "Iranian Muslim combatants," a reference to Revolutionary Guards, killed hundreds of Iraqi troops in a "blitz," a word Iran uses to describe hit-and-run raids.

"All attacking forces returned safely to bases," it said.

Western diplomats in Baghdad said the Iraqis anticipated that Iran would launch a series of attacks along the 1,180 km (735 mile) front line shortly.

The Iraqis have massed about 370,000 troops some 20 km (12 miles) east of Basra for an offensive which has been widely predicted for weeks.

But one diplomat said he did not expect a major push until February because, he said, Tehran was short of arms and ammunition.

He described the latest offensive as a test of Iraqi defences "which proved the Iraqis were vigilant and able to destroy the two-brigade attack in a relatively short time."

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Saoud Al Osalmi receiving David Mellor (right) upon his arrival in Kuwait.

Britain offers Kuwait weapons

By Jadranka Porter

BRITAIN has confirmed its readiness to supply Kuwait with a wide range of effective weapon systems and advice on security issues, according to the British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, David Mellor.

Mellor arrived in Kuwait yesterday on a four-day visit to discuss security issues, emanating from the escalation in the Gulf war, with top government officials. Responding to a question whether Kuwait had approached Britain with a request for weapons Mellor said: "We are constantly being asked in a course of a very friendly relationship between our two governments."

Process

Mellor, who was received by Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osalmi, will hold talks with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, and ministers of cabinet affairs, defence and oil.

Mellor, who is on a Gulf tour arrived in Kuwait from Saudi Arabia.

Mellor welcomed the Soviet Union's willingness to join in the process of working on an arms embargo against Iran but pointed out that the Soviets still have to state their position clearly.

Moscow has indicated that it will only vote for an arms embargo if the Security Council agreed to their proposal to set up a UN naval force in the Gulf.

"If that is a condition it will rightly bring them condemnation of the Arab nation which will not want to see their need for a follow-up resolution used as a bargaining counter in order to remove Western naval forces from the Gulf," Mellor said.

"Now that the Soviets are willing to make progress we should take them at their word and try to make progress as soon as possible," he added.

Britain, which assumes the chairmanship of the Security Council in January, has been pushing for an arms embargo against Iran, which has virtually rejected a UN ceasefire resolution.

Reiterating the British commitment to the security of the region, Mellor said that the presence of British Armilla patrol in the Gulf was open-ended.

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Israel pours in more troops as unrest continues

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot and wounded seven Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today while the cabinet met to hear a report on violence that has aroused worldwide condemnation.

Police moved reinforcements into Arab East Jerusalem after the worst unrest there in more than a decade.

In Far'a refugee camp in the West Bank, the Army said it fired at the legs of demonstrators who hurled stones and metal objects at them, slightly wounding four youths, after teargas and rubber bullets failed to disperse the crowd.

A curfew was clamped on the camp.

Troops shot and wounded a fifth Palestinian who hurled a petrol bomb at troops in Kabatiya in the West Bank and a sixth in the Gaza city neighbourhood of Shajaiya, the Army said.

Officials at Shifa Hospital in Gaza said a seventh Palestinian, aged 21, had been shot and wounded.

Unrest

Troops have killed at least 16 demonstrators in 12 days of unrest which threatened Israel's lucrative Christmas tourism trade, with disturbances spreading to Bethlehem.

Palestinian reports have said 20 Arabs have been killed in the violence.

Leaders of Israel's 750,000 Arabs called for a nationwide general strike tomorrow.

"Headquarters has ordered all police leave to be cancelled. We have received additional help," Jerusalem police chief Yosef Yehudai said.

He was speaking to reporters after what officials yesterday described as the worst unrest in Arab East Jerusalem since Israel captured it with the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Middle East war. Sixty demonstrators were arrested.

Israeli officials were stunned by criticism from abroad that included strong statements by the United States, Israel's closest ally, and outspoken attacks by Egypt, the only Arab country to make peace with the Jewish state.

There has also been criticism at home, with the leftist newspaper Al Hamishmar accusing the Army of covering up at least 10 deaths.

But the Peace Now organisation, which drew 400,000 demonstrators to a 1982 rally against Israeli policy in Lebanon, drew fewer than 3,000 protesters to a rally in Tel Aviv on a cold Saturday night.

Demand

Shulamit Aloni, a member of parliament from the leftist Citizens Rights Movement, said Israeli democracy demanded the recognition of Palestinian rights.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) distributed leaflets in Gaza demanding an end to what it called Israel's "iron fist" policy.

The leaflets called for continued Palestinian resistance until Israel halted the policy, ended expulsions, freed prisoners detained in the recent unrest and guaranteed human rights.

Gaza Strip demonstrators, enforcing a boycott of work in the Jewish state, stoned a bus taking Arab workers to Israel and set it ablaze after the passengers fled, the Army said.

Egypt, angered and embarrassed by Israel's killing of Palestinian rioters in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, stepped up its (Continued on Page 2)

Kuwait condemns Israeli brutality

KUWAIT yesterday strongly condemned Israel's "savage and inhuman" suppression of the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and reiterated its support for the Palestinian people's legitimate rights.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said after a cabinet meeting yesterday the government had been following with concern the situation in the occupied Arab territories.

He announced that government offices and private and public businesses will observe a one-minute work stoppage at noon today to mourn the lives of Palestinians killed in the revolt against the occupation.

The move, he said, was also intended to reflect Kuwait's support for the "heroic" Palestinian uprising against Israel.

He said the cabinet strongly condemned the Israeli authorities' "savage and inhuman practices" which constitute flagrant breach of human rights.

The government hails the steadfastness of the Arab Palestinian people and calls on the world community, "particularly the UN Security Council" to shoulder its responsibility to halt the massacres being committed by the Zionists, Rashed said.

The cabinet underlined the appeal of HH the Amir, the chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, to all leaders of Islamic states to take steps to support the Palestinian struggle to regain their legitimate rights.

Egypt waives visas for nine Arab states

CAIRO, Dec. 20, (Reuters): Egypt said today that nationals of Arab states which have resumed diplomatic relations with Cairo would no longer need entry visas.

Visitors from the nine countries involved would be allowed an unrestricted six-month stay in Egypt, a senior Interior Ministry official told the Middle East News Agency.

They would have to change the equivalent of \$180 into Egyptian currency every month thereafter, he said.

The United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Morocco, Kuwait, North Yemen, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Qatar restored full diplomatic relations with Egypt last month after an Arab summit in Amman freed Arab states to do so individually.

All Arab countries except Sudan, Oman and Somalia broke relations with Egypt in 1979 over its peace treaty with Israel. Jordan and Djibouti resumed ties in 1984 and 1986 respectively.

Scientist missing

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20, (Reuters): Police issued an alert today for a Soviet scientist who disappeared while shopping with fellow tourists in New Delhi.

Police said Babi Alexander, 25, went missing last Friday from a tour group of 35 Russians. They described him as a scientist but had no other details. A Soviet embassy official declined comment.

The last Russian to disappear in Delhi was diplomat Igor Gheja who vanished in March 1985 while on an early morning walk in the capital only to surface a few days later in the United States.

US 'trying to' patch up Ershad and opposition

DHAKA, Dec. 20, (Reuters): Bangladesh freed six more political detainees today in a continuing attempt to foster peace talks with the opposition, which is trying to topple President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The detainees were among some 5,000 arrested since the start last month of the concerted campaign to overthrow Ershad.

The release of the politicians coincided with a statement by the United States that it hoped the unrest, in which Bangladesh has lost millions of dollars in the past month, would be resolved through dialogue.

Hopes

"The United States hopes that a dialogue which should include all political elements will lead to a peaceful and constitutional resolution to the current situation," a brief US embassy statement said.

The official BSS news agency, quoting a government announcement, said those released belonged to the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami, the pro-Moscow Communist Party and the Bangladesh National Party.

The political dissidents arrested since the start of the anti-Ershad agitation on Nov 10 included the two main opposition leaders, Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia. They were later freed.

Ershad offered talks with the opposition on holding fresh elections and promised honest balloting.

But the two leaders refused to talk. They insisted that Ershad step down after handing over power to a caretaker government which should be responsible for overseeing a fresh election.

They charge that Ershad, 57, rigged the ballot to win a presidential election in October 1986.

Improve

A US embassy spokesman said Ambassador Willard de Pree paid courtesy calls last week on Hasina and Khaleda. He was believed in political circles to be trying to mediate between them and Ershad.

Diplomats say Washington tacitly supports Ershad, partly because of his initiative to improve the economy of his impoverished country. The United States gives aid of \$300 million worth of food and goods to Bangladesh each year.

Syria, Oman set up ties

DAMASCUS, Dec. 20, (Reuters): Syria and Oman have agreed to establish diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors, the official Syrian news agency Sana said today.

It said the decision followed talks between visiting Omani Foreign Minister Youssef Bin Alwai and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara yesterday.

The meetings centred around bilateral relations between Syria and the Sultanate of Oman and means of improving these relations, so in this context it was agreed to exchange ambassadors and establish diplomatic relations," Sana said.

The two countries have not had diplomatic relations since they became independent. Britain recognised the full independence of Oman in 1951 while Syria achieved full independence in 1946.

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Opec talks on

DAY BY DAY

WHAT is really amazing about the current Palestinian revolution is that the youth have not raised any picture of any of the well-known Palestinian leaders. They have raised only the Palestinian flag, the true leader of the Palestine revolution, taken down by the Jews in 1948, and until now used only for decoration.

In their revolution, the youth of Palestine raised the slogans: Long live Palestine, Long live its flag, and Long live the revolution inside Palestine. Those who have watched the news covering the uprising must have noticed that not one picture has been raised - not of Abu Faleh, Abu Saleh, Abu Nidal or anyone else.

Praise and glory be to these men who have raised only the Palestinian flag.

Zahed Matar

INTERNATIONAL

Election protests continue in S. Korea

SEOUL, Dec. 20, (UPI): Dissident youths protesting the election of ruling party candidate Roh Tae-Woo in the presidential election staged a third straight day of demonstrations today in Seoul and a provincial city.

The protests in Seoul were peaceful, but students in Kwangju — hometown of dissident leader and defeated candidate Kim Dae-Jung — set fire to a police substation and injured five officers, the domestic Yonhap news agency said.

In Seoul, about 400 people continued a sit-in at the Myeongdong Cathedral to protest alleged vote fraud. The sit-in began following a series of violent confrontations in downtown areas Friday.

A spokesman for the group said the sit-in will continue until the election is nullified. "We are not going to leave the church compound until the election is declared void," he said.

There were no police at the church. A police source said riot squads withdrew to permit the youths to leave.

In Kwangju, 273 kms south of Seoul, about 50 students threw some 30 firebombs and scores of rocks at a police substation this afternoon, Yonhap said.

One police officer suffered a

broken rib and four others were hospitalised for treatment of burns, the news agency reported.

Largest

Following the burning of the police substation, about 500 people chanting "nullify the election" fought with police in downtown Kwangju, Yonhap said, adding that at least three demonstrators were arrested.

Roh captured 36 per cent of the vote in winning Wednesday's election, the first direct presidential voting in nearly 17 years. But even before the polls closed dissidents began protesting alleged fraud.

The two major opposition candidates — Kim Dae-Jung and Kim Young-Sam — split the anti-government vote, allowing Roh to walk away with the victory.

More than 1,600 protesters have been arrested, including more than 1,000 people who had seized a district administration office in southern Seoul for three days.

Authorities are investigating those involved in the demonstrations but sources said only those who led the protests or were involved in violent actions would be charged.

"The government hopes to build



Roh Tae-Woo

up an atmosphere of reconciliation and no mass charging is likely," a source said.

Message

Meanwhile, US President Ronald Reagan, in his weekly radio address to the nation last night, praised "democracy" in South Korea despite allegations of vote fraud and two days of rioting.

Reagan's only attempt to mollify the opposition forces, who split the anti-government vote, was to advise that "elections have losers as well as winners. The essence of democracy is the willingness to accept results and perhaps to try again at the next election."

Efforts for UN sanctions against Iran

Hussein seeks Soviet backing

AMMAN, Dec. 20, (AP): King Hussein flies to Moscow tomorrow capping a year of shuttle summits that has made him the catalyst for Arab efforts to end the Gulf war.

The King will be making his first trip to the Soviet Union since 1982. Diplomats say talks will centre on Arab efforts to win Moscow's backing for sanctions against Iran if Tehran refuses to halt the 7-year-old conflict with Iraq.

US Secretary of State George Shultz said last Wednesday that there were signs of progress in the Soviet position on sanctions. Hussein's visit would be an opportune time for the Soviet Union to make that stand public, mollifying Arab irritation at Moscow's recent talks with Iran.

Standing

Hussein relied on British support in the early days of his 34-year reign, and he always has enjoyed a good reputation in the West. But his standing in the Arab world has been affected by his conflicts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and by his Western ties.

His standing rose this year because of worries in the Gulf states about the spreading Iran-Iraq war. The King worked hard to nurture relations with Egypt, restored in 1984, and with Syria following a 1985 reconciliation.

Hussein, an avid pilot, repeatedly has flown around the region for consultations with Arab rulers this year, often playing peacemaker between Iraq and Syria.

That paid off at last month's Arab summit in Amman, the first in years attended by every Arab state. The summit was marked by a surprisingly strong stand of support for Iraq and tentative steps toward reconciliation between Syria and Iraq, long bitter foes.

Afterward, Hussein began another round of visits to Iraq, Syria, Egypt and the Gulf countries in preparation for the Moscow visit.

"Thanks to the ... relentless Jordanian followup, we for the first time find summit resolutions that have not been left mere ink on paper," said Ahmed Jarallah, Chief editor of the Kuwaiti daily

Al-Sayassah, and Arab Times in an editorial.

Forefront

While Hussein has been at the forefront of Arab diplomacy, the muscle has come from the oil-rich Gulf states.

Their concern about Iranian threats led them to push for Syria to fall into line behind Iraq and for the readmission of militarily potent Egypt to the Arab ranks. Most Arab states broke ties with Egypt after its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Hussein has shuttled between Syria and Iraq to plead for reconciliation. The summit decision to let states restore ties with Egypt vindicated Hussein's move to do that in 1984, an act that made Jordan a bridge between Egypt and other Arab states.

The King's efforts have raised his standing among the Arabs. But it remains unclear whether that prestige will help him solve the central problem of his long reign: the Arab-Israeli conflict. Palestinians form a majority

of Jordan's nearly three million people, and the continuing failure to settle their status and to end the repeated conflicts with neighbouring Israel are continuing threats to the Jordanian crown.

Deadlock

Hussein has hammered away at the deadlock blocking solution of the war with Israel — a problem Arabs see in terms of the Palestinians who were driven from their lands or who now live under Israeli military occupation.

Hussein tested US President Ronald Reagan's 1982 Middle East peace plan. He tried an alliance with the PLO, which collapsed last year. He has continually crusaded for a UN-sponsored peace conference.

A tangled knot of problems has foiled him. The Arab states insist on PLO involvement. The PLO refuses to accept Israel as long as Israel or the United States refuse Palestinian self-determination. Neither will talk with the PLO, at least as long as it refuses to accept Israel.

Israel pours in more troops as unrest continues

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protests today by summoning the Israeli ambassador.

Moshe Sasson was told of Cairo's outrage at what a Foreign Ministry statement termed "the brutal, oppressive measures taken by Israel against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

Egypt, has now issued five angry statements in eight days on the handling of West Bank and Gaza unrest.

Syria, lauding Palestinian protests in the Israeli-occupied territories, urged all Arabs today to "join the revolution in Palestine."

About 25,000 chanting protesters in the south Lebanon of Sidon vowed today to take revenge on Israel for killing Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied territories.

The Jordanian Parliament, half of its members from Israeli-occupied lands, yesterday unanimously denounced what it called Israel's "vicious and repressive actions" against Palestinian protesters.

Pope John Paul II issued a Christmas appeal today for an end to violence and injustice in the holy land and said he feels "particularly close" to suffering Palestinians.

The ambassadors of 10 Arab countries, representatives of the Arab League and PLO and about 50 demonstrators, who gathered in St Peter's Square to ask the Pope's support for the Palestinian cause, applauded his words.

"Stop the genocide of the Palestinian people," their banner read.

India buying Soviet N-reactors

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20, (Reuters): India plans to buy at least three enriched uranium-fuelled nuclear reactors from the Soviet Union and open them to international inspection, the Sunday Mail reported.

The newspaper, which did not quote sources for the report, said the decision marked a departure from India's natural uranium or heavy water-based nuclear power programme.

India would have to allow foreign inspection of Soviet-built plants because Moscow has signed the London agreement which seeks to ensure that enriched uranium, an ingredient of atomic bombs, is not misused, the newspaper said. Indian officials could not be reached for comment.

The Sunday Mail said Delhi would buy three, 440-megawatt reactors and take an option on another six. It gave no details of cost or delivery dates.

Filipino Army preparing for assault

Pirates asked to surrender

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Dec. 20, (AP): The military said today it was preparing to attack a concrete fortress where a band of reputed pirates remained holed up after refusing to surrender.

Lt Col Anthony Elias, spokesman for the military's Southern Command in Zamboanga city, 865 kilometres southeast of Manila, said the military would mount an all-out operation against the alleged pirates, possibly tomorrow.

Earlier today, two UH-1H helicopter gunships flew over the islet of Siroman and Paganak Island, 56 kilometres east of Zamboanga city, and dropped leaflets telling the pirates to surrender by 0700 GMT or face renewed aerial and naval bombardment, Elias said.

Col Jose Comendador, deputy commander of the 3rd Air Division, said the helicopters were fired on from the ground while over Paganak, but neither was hit.

The leaflets urged the alleged pirates to surrender with their weapons, and promised they would not be harmed or mistreated.

Comendador, who is heading the operation, did not specify whether any of the alleged pirates had taken advantage of the surrender offer.

Clash

Meanwhile, a soldier and three militiamen were killed in a gun-battle with communist guerrillas today in the central Philippines.

The clash in Negros Oriental province occurred a day after President Corason Aquino and communist rebel leaders announced their forces would still their guns for Christmas.

A military commander said a group of government troops and militiamen were on a routine patrol in Buena Vista village when they came upon a group of about 70 rebels and the battle erupted.

He said soldiers have been dispatched to pursue the rebels who suffered an undetermined number of casualties.

In a separate incident in Quezon province, south of Manila, rebels ambushed government troops, seriously wounding four soldiers and a civilian.

'Pay toilet' introduced in Moscow

MOSCOW, Dec. 20, (UPI): An intrepid group of Soviet entrepreneurs have introduced Moscow to another one of those evils of the West — the pay toilet.

The Moskovskiy Komsomol newspaper said the city's first pay toilet has opened near Red Square on Prospekt Marksa, the street named after Karl Marx, the founder of communism.

The newspaper said in response to the new laws allowing limited private enterprise, a new cooperative was formed and won permission from the city to take over one of its dilapidated and unworking public conveniences.

Moscow is not exactly a city flush with public toilets. Few of the city's 343 free ones actually work, according to newspapers and demand from Moscow's 9 million residents far outstrip supply.

Now it looks like private enterprise may come to the rescue. For 20 kopeks (about 32 US cents) you can have access to a clean toilet and guaranteed toilet roll, a Moscow rarity.

Europeans in 7th week of captivity

BEIRUT, Dec. 20, (Reuters): Eight Europeans seized on a yacht in the Mediterranean by Palestinian commandos started at least a seventh week in captivity today with no sign they would be released.

Their fate remains a mystery despite a pledge two weeks ago from the Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) to reveal results of their interrogation and allow a Red Cross visit.

The radical Palestinian group led by Abu Nidal has given few details about its captives since FRC official Walid Khaled announced on Nov 8 they were seized off the Gaza Strip.

"We have nothing new to say now but we might have something this week," Khaled told Reuters today in the battered Palestinian refugee camp of Ain Al-Hilweh in south Lebanon.

No news

Khaled said in Beirut on Nov 8 that seaborne FRC commandos captured five Belgians, a Frenchwoman and two Hebrew-speaking girls, all with dual Israeli nationality, from a yacht.

A spokesman for the Belgian Foreign Ministry said there had

been no news of the eight since the statement two weeks ago.

A delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in West Beirut told Reuters there was "nothing new."

Palestinian officials in Beirut said Abu Nidal would wait until Palestinian unrest in Arab East Jerusalem and the Israeli-occupied territories ended before revealing more about the captives.

Despite Khaled saying they were Israeli spies, Belgium has said four of the eight, Emmanuel Houtekins, his wife Godelieve Kets and children Laurent and Valerie, were Belgian Catholics who lived in Lyon, France.

Israel has said the six adults did not appear in their records either as nationals or as visitors to Israel.

Paris said the Frenchwoman, Jacqueline Valente, was also a Roman Catholic and her ex-husband denied the girls spoke Hebrew. "Abu Nidal clearly wants attention, full world attention," a Palestinian official told Reuters.

Iraq beats back big offensive

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The reported attack came amid a stalemate in United Nations efforts to implement Security Council resolution 598 ordering a ceasefire in the seven-year war.

Iraq says it is ready to accept the resolution, but Iran says Baghdad must be named the aggressor before it will agree to a ceasefire.

The Soviet Union has blocked attempts by the United States and some other permanent members of the Security Council to impose an arms embargo on Tehran.

Moscow sent a special envoy, Mikhail Setienko, to Baghdad last week to explain its stance. While repeating the Soviet rejection of an embargo to force Tehran to accept a ceasefire, he promised to continue arms supplies to Iraq to counter any new offensive.

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"There is every reason to believe that if the minesweepers were withdrawn the Iranians could start mining the sea lanes again," he said.

He condemned the Israeli security forces' approach in dealing with the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. "Their security forces were over-violent and that is damaging," said Mellor.

"The only path to true peace is allowing the Palestinians their right to self determination and restoration of their human and democratic rights," he added.

Kabul frees 350 detainees

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 20, (AP): The Afghan government released 351 political prisoners last night as part of a general amnesty programme announced last month, Afghanistan's official radio said.

Radio Kabul, monitored in Islamabad, said the prisoners were freed from jails in the eastern provinces of Nangarhar and Kunar and in Herat in western Afghanistan.

The release raises the number of freed political prisoners to 2,769 since President Najib declared an amnesty during a meeting of the Grand National Council last month. The Loya Jirga, made up of 1,500 delegates, rubber-stamped a new constitution and elected Najib as President of the embattled nation.

Western diplomats in

Islamabad have reported that 2,300 prisoners released in Kabul on Dec 6 were immediately transferred to the Afghan Army.

Meanwhile, Soviet television reported that Afghan troops have launched a major offensive against some 9,000 insurgents in south-east Afghanistan near the Pakistan border.

The television showed film of the troops shelling what a Soviet reporter said were rebel strongholds and arms supply routes in a snow-capped mountain range in the Khost district of Paktya province.

The reporter, Mikhail Leshchinsky, said the operation had both military and political objectives and was under the command of the Chief-of-Staff of the Afghan Army, Lieutenant-General Shah Nawaz.

In an interview translated into

Russian, the general told Leshchinsky the action had been launched after efforts to find a peaceful solution to the fighting in the area had failed.

The Soviet reporter said armed groups from the local Jadran tribe had cut the region off from the centre of the country over a long period.

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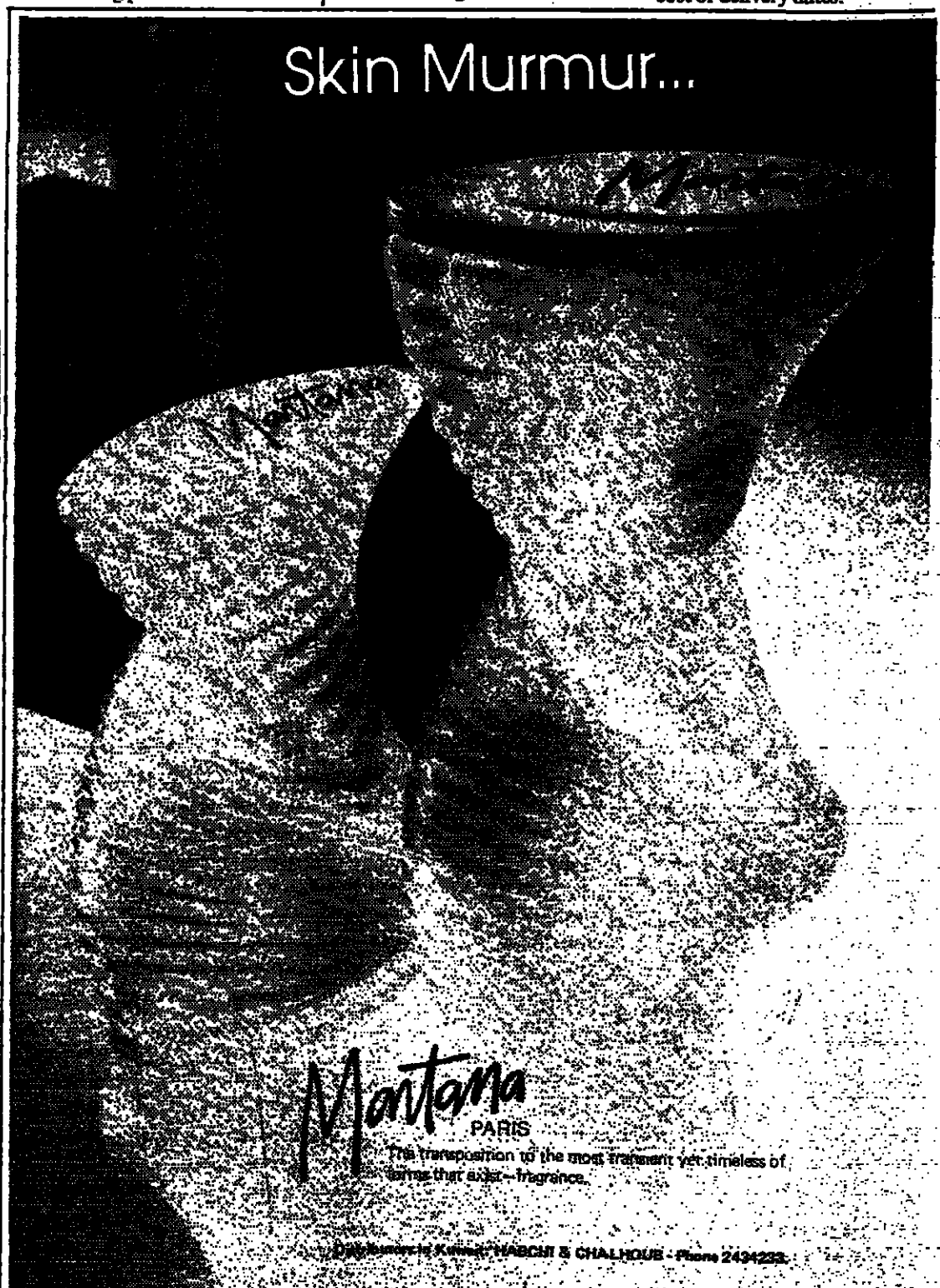


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Riyadh meeting to prepare for summit

GCC foreign ministers to discuss escalation of Gulf war

FEARS of further escalation in the Iran-Iraq war are expected to dominate the agenda of Gulf Arab foreign ministers who meet in Riyadh today, to prepare for a regional summit.

Since their last summit in Abu Dhabi in November 1986, the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states have been increasingly sucked into the seven-year conflict on the side of Iraq.

Repulsed

Officials said the summit due to open on Dec 26 would consider joint defence and security measures to protect the Gulf states from a spillover of the war.

The heads of state would discuss support for UN Security Council Resolution 598, which demands a ceasefire, and a possible new overture to Tehran, the

officials said.

The talks take place amid predictions of a major new offensive towards the southern Iraqi city of Basra by Iran, reported to have massed 370,000 troops on the southern war front.

Iraq said yesterday it repulsed an Iranian thrust about 200 km northeast of Basra after a 12-hour battle.

A build-up by foreign navies in the Gulf has thrust the GCC states in the middle of superpower rivalry and clashes between the United States and Iran.

Dialogue

GCC Assistant Secretary-General for political affairs Saif Al Maskari told the Qatari news agency on Saturday the summit would discuss increased military cooperation and a security strategy approved by GCC

interior ministers.

He said the talks would be extension of last month's Arab League summit in Amman which criticised Iran for attacking Kuwait with missiles and refusing to accept resolution 598.

Kuwait has accused Iran of firing at least seven Silkworm missiles at its oil installations since September.

The Arab League summit also upbraided Iran for its alleged role in clashes between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi police in the holy city of Makkah last July in which more than 400 people died.

Trade

The clashes led to a sharp deterioration in relations between Riyadh and Tehran and prompted calls by some GCC states for a cut in diplomatic ties.

Maskari said some GCC rulers wanted to maintain dialogue with Tehran.

The summit agenda will also include new steps to implement a 1981 joint economic agreement envisaging a common market. Maskari said legal and administrative obstacles to implementing the agreement would be discussed.

The GCC states have already abolished customs tariffs but numerous trade barriers remain. The GCC has also begun to unify customs duties on imported goods.

Maskari said the summit would also discuss creation of a joint arms industry. GCC states, rich in oil and finance but poor in human resources and expertise, are among the world's biggest arms importers.



● US Ambassador Nathaniel Howell hosted a reception on Saturday to bid farewell to commercial councillor Harry Ryder who will be returning home at the end of his term in Kuwait. Picture shows the host with Ryder (left).

Arab League official lauds superpower agreement

THE head of the Arab Information permanent committee in the Arab League Salah Al Mokhtar has affirmed here that the INF agreement signed by the United States and the Soviet Union recently took the world to a new era dominated by bilateral understanding between the two superpowers.

In a lecture he gave Saturday night Mokhtar said that such understanding is the first step towards the solving of all global problems.

He explained that the summit conference which took place early this month between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev discussed the Gulf war, Middle East crisis, Afghanistan issue and human rights.

Although the superpowers summit was described as a complete success, yet it has some negative aspects such as the superpowers bilateral decision on the fate of the world which mean interfering in the sovereignty of other states.

Regarding the Iraq-Iran war, Mokhtar expressed optimism that bilateral understanding will help end the nearly eight year old Iraq-Iran war.

Hailing Iraq's economic situation after all these years of bloodshed, Mokhtar said the Iraq economy is prospering and noted that Iraqi oil exports increased to 2.5 million barrels per day while in the year 1983 the export figure did not exceed 400,000 b/d.

On the other hand, the Arab League information official explained that Iran's economy is deteriorating and it exports about one million barrels a day of crude oil maximum.

Contract signed KUWAIT'S Public Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti signed a contract for the construction of a new floor to the present Faculty of Science building at Kuwait University at an estimated cost of KD1.065 million, to be completed within 250 days.

The minister also signed a KD750,000 contract for the two year maintenance of a number of government buildings.

During the three-day visit, which began on December 14 Abu Ghazala held talks with Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah on bilateral cooperation.

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Amiri audience

HH the Amir received yesterday Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

Cable of thanks

HH the Amir received yesterday a cable of thanks from the special committee assigned to study the performance of the Arab League Information Bureau abroad for his constructive efforts to boost Arab solidarity and clear the Arab atmosphere.

The cable further expressed appreciation for Amir's historic and effective role in protecting Kuwait's independence and sovereignty and ensuring the country's stability and welfare and praised the great Kuwaiti informational role in the international arena.

The Amir sent a cable of thanks wishing the committee all the best in service of Arab information.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Warning on Franco-Arab ties

A KUWAITI newspaper warned yesterday that Franco-Arab relations would cool unless the French government moves to curb some French and international circles that are plotting to damage these traditionally friendly links.

"There is no denying that there are some dark clouds hanging over Franco-Arab skies due to recent revelations of a French government role in the sale of arms and explosives to Iran," Al Rai Al Aam newspaper said in a front-page editorial.

"France alone is responsible for reigning in those mischief-doers. We Arabs are disinclined to forget the hand that gives assistance at times of hardship and crisis," the daily commented.

The paper argued that Arab citizens are starting to question the credibility of France, and warned of a second Irangate fiasco, this time involving the French government.

Palestinian uprising

A KUWAITI newspaper charged yesterday the Western governments of acquiescing to the wanton Israeli atrocities against the unarmed Palestinian citizens in the occupied Arab territories despite their claims of championing public civil liberties.

The daily Al Watan said the brutal Israeli onslaught on the innocent Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip over the past 12 days "has exposed the false American and West European claims of defending human rights."

This genuine popular uprising in which stones are the main tool of revolt against Israeli tyranny has unveiled many sour facts, particularly regarding human rights issues, the paper went on.

Is the right of Soviet Jewry to immigrate, which US President Reagan insisted should be discussed during his recent summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, different from the right of Palestinians to live in honour and dignity? Asked the Kuwaiti newspaper.

"The Reagan-Gorbachev talks were about to fail because the US insisted on discussing the rights of Soviet Jewry. George Bush, the US Vice-President, led a demonstration in Washington to defend Soviet Jews," Al Watan recalled.

Neither Britain, nor France, both self-claimed supporters of universal human rights, have said a word of condemnation of the Israeli savagery either, the daily concluded.

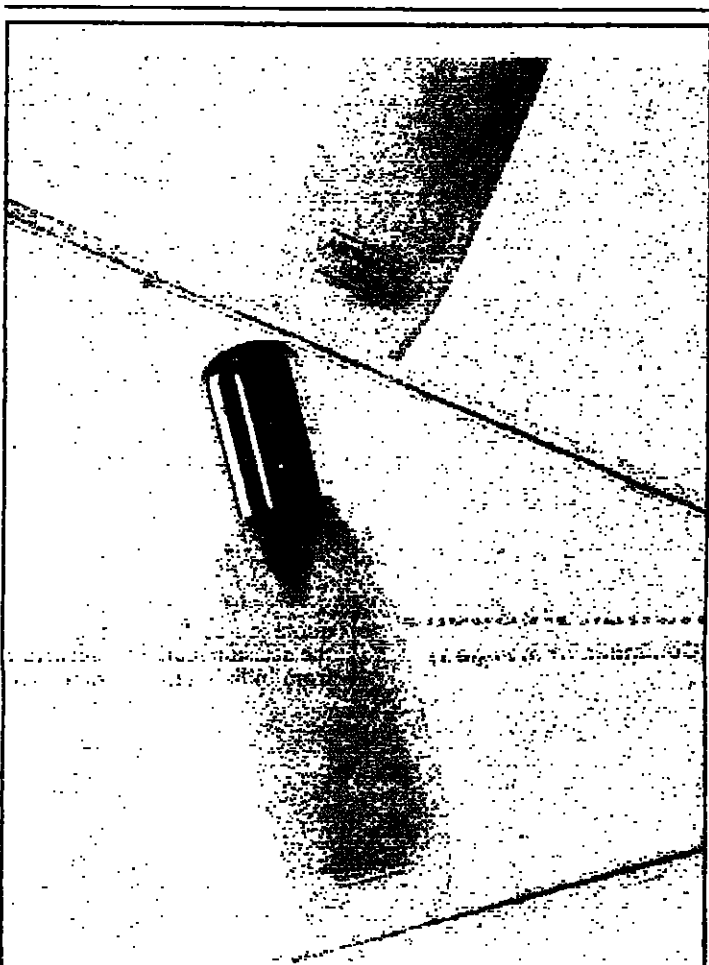
Smugglers arrested

A KUWAITI daily reported on Saturday that Kuwait Airport customs officials arrested a Pakistani national Saad A. for attempting to smuggle five kilos of hashish into Kuwait from Karachi.

Another Pakistani was also arrested for attempting to smuggle in hashish, and two Kuwaitis, Saad and Abdul Hameed, were

arrested for attempting to smuggle hashish and narcotics into the country. Saad was reported to have arrived in Kuwait from Cairo with one kilo of hashish and Abdul Hameed arrived from Bombay with five sacks of heroin in his possession.

The men were handed over to authorities for investigation.



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Seminar urges mothers to breast feed their infants

MOTHERS have been urged to breast feed their infants and not to give them powdered milk products by five specialists during a seminar held recently.

The chairman of the social committee of the Kuwait Medical Association Dr Bader Hamadah, said that all companies making milk had failed to find a suitable alternative to human milk despite the intensified propaganda.

A member of the medicine faculty at Kuwait University, Dr Ezzat Shalout, said that the mother's milk was the best food for a baby because it met nutritional requirements and contributed to a baby's growth in general and to the formation of teeth in particular.

Incentives

A doctor at the Maternity Hospital, Dr Mohammed Salahuiddin, said that breast feeding was beneficial to the mother. It led to rapid shrinking of the uterus, helped prevent pregnancy in 60 per cent of lactating mothers, and also helped protect mothers from breast and ovary cancer.

A member of the education faculty at Kuwait University, Dr Ibrahim Al Kholafi, said that educated mothers in the West

were returning to breast feeding. He called for giving moral and other incentives to working mothers to encourage them to perform their motherhood roles properly, including the breast feeding of their babies.

A nutrition specialist, Dr Wejdan Al Hellow, said that human milk contained substances that helped provide immunity against contagion, allergies and diarrhoea.

Chinese team discusses technical cooperation

A CHINESE delegation currently visiting the country yesterday met with assistant planning undersecretary for technical cooperation affairs Mariam Abdel Kareem Al Awadi.

The two sides discussed aspects of bilateral technical cooperation in the various fields, particularly agriculture and fisheries.

The Chinese delegation is also due to hold another meeting with the assistant undersecretary later today to get acquainted with the technical needs of the government bodies the delegation will visit.

Earlier, the guests toured Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries and are scheduled to visit Ministries of Oil, Electricity and Water and Industry and Commerce to sign technical cooperation agreements with these institutions.

Preparing for anniversary

IN preparation for Kuwait Science Museum's sixteenth anniversary celebration in February, the museum has commissioned portraits of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Secretary General of the museum Hamad Al Atiqi said that the museum received about two thousand students daily in addition to other visitors.

Tanzanian movement seeks funds

A NON-PROFIT Tanzanian group has made an appeal for funds to support their Green Belt Movement.

The movement was launched in June this year to start an extensive campaign to plant trees and create awareness to replant trees and generally prompting the creation of green belts across Tanzania. Soil and energy conservation are also taught at the grass-roots level to "keep the Sahara at bay in Tanzania."

Now, the movements has run into trouble due to shortage of funds and have made an appeal for donations to "save lives from poverty, famine and death."

They need a total of \$20,000 to continue the "tree planting campaign." Donations can be sent to the Green Belt Movement of Tanzania, PO Box 70593, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Europe-Arabian Gulf Trade Implementation of Currency Adjustment Factor

With reference to the notice in the press during the first week of December, owing to a further deterioration in the value of the U.S. dollars, the lines have decided to introduce a currency adjustment factor of 3% on all cargo shipped on vessels commencing to load on or after 1st January 1988 from U.K. or North West Continent or Scandinavia.

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Cabinet discusses Jawara's visit

THE Council of Ministers held its weekly meeting yesterday headed by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed said the Cabinet discussed the results of the visit to Kuwait last week by President of Gambia, Dawada Jawara.

The Council of Ministers was briefed on the talks held by HH the Amir and President Jawara which concentrated on Afro-Arab relations, Islamic issues and bilateral relations and means of developing them.

Rashed said the Cabinet heard an explanation from Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on the topics and issues to be discussed by the ministerial council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) due to open today in Riyadh in preparation for the GCC 8th summit which is of special importance due to the delicate circumstances the Arab nation is passing through.

The ministerial council will discuss a number of important topics dealing with the develop-

ments in the Arab arena and the situation in the Arabian Gulf in particular, as well as the developments of relations among the member states and ways of consolidating them.

Rashed said the cabinet expressed hope that the conference will reach the hoped-for positive results in a way that consolidates the already strong ties among the member states.

The council got acquainted with the formation of the delegation due to accompany HH the Amir to the 8th summit scheduled to be held in Riyadh Dec 26.

Oil price

Rashed said the Council of Ministers heard a report from Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah on the results of the visit to Kuwait last week by Egyptian Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, Marshal Abdul Helem Abu Ghazala on the head of a ranking military delegation.

During his visit, Abu Ghazala met with the Amir and conveyed to him a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and

also met with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister.

The Defence Minister briefed the Cabinet on the talks held with the Egyptian delegation which focused on developments in the Arab world and ways of consolidating the already strong relations between the two countries in different fields.

Minister of Oil, Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah, presented a report to the cabinet on the results of the 82nd conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) which wound up in Vienna last Tuesday and briefed the cabinet on deliberations held there which focused on prices and production ceiling and quotas of the member states.

The Council of Ministers was briefed on the resolutions adopted by the Opec conference and the new output ceiling of 15.06 million barrel a day for the next six months and the decision to maintain the official price of 18 dollar per barrel.

The council expressed hope that the Opec member will

cooperate in preserving the agreement and abiding by it in order to realise the interests of all parties and to preserve the stability of the international oil market.

The Cabinet then discussed political affairs and got acquainted with reports dealing with the international developments and the situation in the Arab world and followed up global efforts aiming at bringing the Iran-Iraq war to an end and reviewed Arab contacts and consultations aiming at bolstering Arab solidarity in the light of the Amman Arab summit conference.

The Cabinet discussed a number of domestic issues and adopted suitable resolutions on them.

Rashed said that the Council of Ministers will hold a special meeting today under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

He added that the session will be devoted to discussing a number of draft laws which had been studied by the ministerial legislative committee. The Council of Ministers will review the draft laws before approving them.



● Pakistan's Ambassador to Kuwait, Khalid Saleem, (left) who is completing his tenure in Kuwait, yesterday paid a courtesy call on the editor-in-chief of the Arab Times, Ahmed Al Jeraiah.

Union to mark anniversary

THE Labourers Union at Kuwait Airways Corporation is organising a festival to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the union to be held on December 28.

The festival, to be held under the patronage of the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, will be attended by Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi, the chairman of KAC, the chairman of Kuwait Labourers Union and members of the union. Prizes will be distributed to previous union board members.

13 accidents

A FOUR year old Kuwaiti girl was killed in a traffic accident in Qadisiya area.

There were 13 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday, with four taking place in the capital, three in Hawalli and six in Ahmadi.

Part of old Kuwait city discovered

THE Bhaitha area is considered a part of the old Kuwait city and may be the area where Kuwait city was first founded, the leader of the Bhaitha excavation team, Dr Fahd Abdul Rahman Al Whaibi, who is assistant director of antiquities and museums, said.

He told a local newspaper that the most interesting fact learnt at the location was that it existed in 1700. Several mud stoves used for baking bread were found. Other discoveries included ceramics and coins which are now being cleaned at the Kuwait National Museum. One important find was a closed mug which might contain coins.

Dr Al Whaibi said that several Bedouin tribes, such as the Al Otoub tribe, might have lived at

the location long ago.

Al Bhaitha was considered a modern name, and was mentioned in old Islamic written sources.

The location was close to the Sief Palace and stretched from the old British Council house to the area behind the National Museum.

Kuwait was called Al Qorain, according to a map drawn in 1845 he said.

Excavations at Bhaitha were essential to find out more about the history of the area which was known to have passed through several civilisations and ruins.

Dr Al Whaibi said the excavations were a quest to try and discover the oldest civilisation to ever exist in Kuwait, and to tell the public about it.

Sri Lankan minister ends Oman visit

MUSCAT, Dec 20, (Kuna): Sri Lankan Foreign Minister A.C.S. Hameed left here yesterday after a three-day official visit to the sultanate where he had talks with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah and a number of senior Omani officials on bilateral relations and aspects of promoting Omani-Sri Lankan cooperation.

The Sri Lankan minister opened Sri Lanka's embassy in Muscat.

He paid tribute, in a press conference before departure, to the existing relations between his country and the sultanate and expressed hope that the volume of trade and economic cooperation between them would increase.

Hameed pointed out that there were a number of projects that could be carried out between Oman and Sri Lanka and help active trade and economic ties between the two countries.

He said he had extended an invitation to Abdullah to visit Sri Lanka.

Jaafar meets Awni Battash

KUWAIT'S Information Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Mohammed Jaafar yesterday met with director of Palestine Liberation Organisation's office in Kuwait Awni Battash.

Sources told Kuna that Battash expressed his appreciation towards Kuwait's stance in support of Palestinian people particularly the current popular uprising in the occupied lands.

He praised the national stances of HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed towards Palestinian people.

Appointment

A DECREE was published in the latest issue of the official gazette 'Kuwait Al-Youn' appointing Hamad Abdullah Al Dakheel Al Shaye as Assistant Undersecretary at the Finance Ministry.

Bahraini art exhibition opens



Bahrain's Ambassador to Kuwait, Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman Abu Ali (second, right) looks at some sculptures.

AN exhibition organised by the Bahrain Society for Modern Art opened on Saturday at Abdullah Al Salem gallery in the presence of a large number of visitors.

Seventy formative art paintings by 19 Bahraini artists are on display. They depict Bahrain's environment and heritage.

The exhibition is part of efforts to strengthen cultural relations between Kuwait, Bahrain and other GCC states. It will be open to the public until Dec 28.

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● Kuwait's State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Ghunaim, (right) yesterday met the director of the waste disposal department of Bavaria, West Germany. The meeting was attended by the first secretary of the West German Embassy in Kuwait. Their conversation included discussion of waste disposal and how to benefit from waste matter in Kuwait by producing organic manure.

Changes of personal details illegal

Adopting familiar names

THE assistant undersecretary for nationality and travel document affairs at the Interior Ministry, Hajji Al Muzayen, said that some people changed their name in order to belong to well-known Kuwaiti families.

He added that the Kuwait Nationality Law banned any change in the details of citizens.

He said that the essential details of about 400,000 citizens had been entered in the records, and the other details would be completed by the middle of next year.

Denied

He told a local newspaper that about 600 to 800 transactions were carried out daily, adding that the increase was linked with the travel season.

He said the Interior Minister had the right to withdraw any

passport if the bearer had defamed Kuwait abroad.

He denied that the ministry was planning to cancel travel documents. He said a ministerial decision had defined the area of its use.

New passports

Speaking about Kuwaiti children of foreign wives, specially Asians or Africans, he said the problem had been solved completely in cooperation with the Foreign Ministry and the Kuwaiti embassies in the countries concerned.

He said the department was looking through citizens' files to discover those who submitted forged, contradictory or incomplete information.

The new Kuwaiti passports would have a new shape, and it would not be possible to alter the

contents. The details would be printed and not hand-written, he added.

Some holders of travel documents had returned from their countries with their original passports and their position was accordingly legalised. He called on other people to legalise their status.

Al Muzayen said the question of unified GCC passports was still under study.

He said the problem of resemblance of names was rare in Kuwaiti passports. He said that the full name, including the mother's name, was circulated to the authorities in the case of Kuwaitis banned from travelling. All the particulars were inserted in the computer to prevent problems due to similarity of names.

Faculty trying to transfer science and technology

DR HASAN Al Olaiwi, the Dean of Kuwait University's Petroleum and Engineering Faculty, said that the focus of the faculty's programmes was to transfer science and technology to application in the country with the highest qualified engineers.

Dr Olaiwi said that the faculty was currently developing computer programmes with the latest equipment, to use in the registration and admission process and other administrative formalities.

Commenting on the level of graduates from the faculty, the dean said that reports from foreign universities regarding graduates from Kuwait indicated that their performance

was satisfactory. He added that with the incentive allowances and bonuses upon graduation the number of students would increase in the faculty, although, he added, most students join the faculty from their own personal interest in the field.

He explained that the recent decrease in the number of Kuwaiti students registering for graduate study at Kuwait University was due to the fact that certain government departments send graduates on scholarships to study abroad. He added that PhD degrees earned by Kuwaiti graduates were awarded based on their outstanding skills in applied research and not on their ability to conduct classes,

Saleh visits UAE

ABU DHABI, Dec 20 (Reuters): North Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived today for a three-day official visit, his third to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

He will have talks with President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan on the Iran-Iraq war, Arab issues, and bilateral ties, the official emirates' news agency Wam said.

He was met at the airport by Sheikh Zayed, who visited Sanaa last year to inaugurate the 90-million-dollar Mareb Dam which he financed.

Saleh's trip comes one week ahead of Saturday's summit of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states — Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and the UAE.

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Pharmacy courses

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Interior Ministry marks Arab Police Day



Major-General Al Khorafi (right) presents a gift.

A FUNCTION to mark Arab Police Day was held on Saturday, under the auspices of Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, at the Theatrical Arts Institute in Shamiya.

It was attended by Interior Ministry Undersecretary Major-General Yusuf Al Khorafi, assistant undersecretaries, directors, senior officers and officials.

The public relations director, Colonel Ahmed Al Rujaib, made a speech in which he praised Arab policemen for their efforts in protecting national security. He also commended retired

security men for their contribution to developing security in Kuwait.

Major-General Al Khorafi honoured a number of retired officials, including former Governor of Hawalli Abdul Rahman Al Mejhem, former assistant undersecretary for nationality, passports and residence affairs Sulaim Al Meshaan, retired Brigadier Sager Al Jasser, former director of the investigation department Yusuf Mohammed Saleh and the former director of passports Yusuf Al Shumaimeri.

Abdullah in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Dec 20, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah arrived in Damascus today on the second stage of a four-nation tour aimed at reconciling Iraq and Syria.

The official Syrian news agency Sana said he received an official welcome at Damascus airport on arrival from Baghdad. The Prince, who was later expected to meet Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, will also visit

Egypt and Jordan. Before leaving for Damascus, he told the Iraqi news agency that his talks with President Saddam Hussein were "fruitful, pleasant and forecast goodness for the Arab nation."

An Asian diplomat in Baghdad told Reuters his remarks indicated Hussein had responded positively to Saudi proposals for healing a long rift with Damascus.



● A woman died yesterday in a traffic accident on the Fourth Ring Road near the flyover close to Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital. An eyewitness said that the driver fled and security men are making efforts to catch him. Picture shows the corpse and policemen.

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INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

Comedies of manners

By Fathima Ahmed

DIRECTOR Basu Chatterjee's philosophy is to "look at the small joys of life... the moments of beauty, and pleasure." And so, after his first film *Sara Akash* (The Whole Sky), a serious study of domestic disharmony, Chatterjee translated his observations of routine, daily events into movies dealing with comedy of manners.

In *Piya Ka Ghar*, Chatterjee comments on the housing problem in Bombay through the lives of a newly wed couple, played by Jaya Bhaduri and Anil Dhawan.

In *Rajagandha*, made in 1974, the director tackles the problem of choosing between an old flame and a new love. Deepa, a research student goes to Bombay for an interview and meets an old boyfriend, a suave ad-man. Also in love with her is Sandip — lovable, cheeky and annoyingly absent-minded. Deepa settles for the old faithful. A gentle story of a proverbial love triangle.

Chatterjee's *Choti Si Baat* (A Trifle) looks at a timid young man madly in love with a working girl. It is said that Chatterjee is in complete control of his screenplay. This is evident in *Choti Si Baat*, featuring Amol Palekar as Arun and Vidya Sinha plays Prabha.

The director's meticulous working out of detail — from dialogue to movement — becomes a trifle tedious as the film develops. One gets the feeling that Chatterjee is deliberately delaying to emphasise a point — like Prabha's sudden interest in Nagesh, which sends Arun scurrying to an expert to learn the "fine arts of dating". A thread-bare story stretches into a 120 minute comedy of romance.

Though *Choti Si Baat* is not a rib-ticking comedy, it does offer moments that provoke laughter — when Arun goes to the expert to narrate his woes or when he is outwitted by Nagesh, who is too preoccupied to see Prabha's genuine interest in Arun or the time when Prabha walks into Arun's office as a petrified Arun declares his innocence in following Prabha and tells her to "forget my character certificate, I'm not a bad guy." In keeping with Chatterjee's philosophy, true love triumphs in the end. A better comedy from Chatterjee is *Safed Jhoot* (The White Lie), made in 1977. A



Amol Palekar

young executive marries his lady love and promises to take her on a honeymoon. While the bride Anita, played by Bengali actress Mitru Mukherjee, plans her trip to Kashmir, husband Vinod (Vinod Mehra) complacently implements boss Gulati's order suspending "all staff holidays for the next two months."

Vinod is in a fix — to be or not to be. "Sick leave" saves the day and off the couple go to honeymoon in Khandala. Promptly, they meet Gulati in the guest house. Thus, starts the charade — Anita playing a lost lamb; Gulati safeguarding her and Vinod left to fend for himself in the wilderness. A rather far fetched plot gathers momentum when Anita's "brother" appears to "rescue his sister" and a hardened criminal vowing to rescue "My sister Sita's (Anita) honour at all costs." This involves getting out the hockey sticks, rope and some bad guys from the closet, much to Vinod's annoyance. As with other Basu Chatterjee films, it has a happy, though long-winded, ending.

The Indianised version of *My Fair Lady*, *Maan Pasand*, brings together Dev Anand and Tina Munim. Tina plays a twister who aspires to be a singer. The debonair professor-musician is Dev Anand, who helps the girl to reach her goals.

The above films are available at Athari Video, Farwania. Tel: 471-2900.



Tina Munim



Vinod Mehra

Victory Day celebrated

A LARGE number of Bangladeshis celebrated the Victory Day at a cultural show organised by Moitri Sangho

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Drive-In
Jara Al Wubooosh (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Noora, Hussein Fahmi, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz

Al Firdous
Anjaam (Hindi)
Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Hema Malini

Fahadheel Open-Air
Ghazab (Hindi)

Al-Fahadheel
Nee Allenkil Jaan (Malayalam)

Al Jahra
Commando Leopard

Granada
Running Scared

Salaibikhat
One Crazy Summer

Al Jleeb
Naag Purnima (Bengali)

Ahmadi Drive-In
The Great Treasure Hunt

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.14 am
Zuhr	11.46
Asr	2.36 pm
Maghreb	4.55
Isha	6.17



Mrinal Sen (right) addresses the gathering as Farouk Abdul Aziz, Cine Club director, looks on.

INDIAN film director Mrinal Sen on Saturday paid tribute to the late Smita Patil at the launching of the Indian Film Festival in Kuwait.

Smita starred in *Akaler Sandhaney* (In Search of a Famine) which was shown on the opening night.

Sen described Smita as "one of the finest actresses of the world." Smita Patil's death last year ended her 10-year career in films.

The festival, organised by Kuwait's Cine Club, continues until Dec 30 at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The Cine Club director bemoaned the delay in arranging the festival saying: "After 18 months of real hard work, we were able to get the festival off the ground."

Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, who attended the opening spoke of "the other face of Indian cinema" and lauded Mrinal Sen's contribution to meaningful cinema.

Sen pays tribute to Smita



Actress Gita Sen receives a bouquet from Cine Club secretary Helen.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Free Atelier
Over 90 paintings by Palestinian artist Mohammad Boushnaq are on show at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Society for Formative Arts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until Dec 22.

Bahrain Modern Art Show
An exhibition of Bahrain's modern art opens today at 5 pm at the Dahyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. It will be open daily, until Dec 28, from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

FILMS

Indian Film Festival
Mrinal Sen's latest film *Genesis*, featuring Shabana Azmi and Naseeruddin Shah, will be shown tonight at 7.30 pm at the auditorium of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Children are not admitted. For further details contact the Cine Club, nr. Indian Embassy, Bneid Al Qar.

British Council
Two children's films — *The Christmas Raccoon* and *Raccoons on Ice* (50 minutes) will be shown at 6 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday at the British Council in Mansouriya. For reservations call 2533204; 2533227.

SOCIAL

Malayalee Drama

Vishwabarathi Theatre, Abbasiya, will present a Malayalee Drama, written by Thomas Pereumpilly, on Dec. 25, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

ASK Alumni Dinner

Friends and graduates of the American School, Kuwait, will hold an alumni dinner at Regency Palace Hotel on Jan. 3. The Arabic buffet will begin at 8 pm. For details phone Mrs Suzy Jones — 5314568.

ACT

Auditions for ACT's next production "An Evening of Absurdity" will be held on Dec 28 (Monday) and Dec. 30 (Wednesday) from 7 to 9 pm. For further details and location call 5620332; 5725071.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

Tuesday: training as normal at Fintas, 7.30 pm prompt.
Thursday: Youths XV vs Veterans XV at Fintas; kick off — 3.30 pm. All players must report by 3.15 pm.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Pastries, stollens and logs for the festive season and New Year are available at the Lobby Lounge. Lunch featuring seasonal food will be offered at the Coffee Shop, Al Dana and

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran
2.30 World News via Satellite
3.30 Hakim Al Aqzam: cartoon serial.
4.00 News Summary
4.45 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial; featuring Yusuf Shabaan, Hala Fakher, Raghdha
5.30 Mama Anisa and Children
6.00 Documentary: "Soora Min Tabbiya."
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Weekend: repeat
7.35 Quran and Science: hosted by Dr Ahmad Shawk Ibrahim.
8.15 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ajras: Arabic serial.

starring: Salah Saadani, Hina Tharwath
10.50 Qalb Min Zajaj: Arabic play. Part One. Starring: Huda Hussain, Jassim Nabhan, Ahmad Saleh, Ayesha Ibrahim, Ibrahim Harbi.
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Paw Paws: "Tozem Termini-Nation". Cartoons.
6.30 The Animal Express: a visit to the aquarium in Miami.
7.00 Roving Report: roundup of World News
7.30 Webster: "Chained"

Webster tried to break the curse of "Chain Letters".
8.00 News in English
8.40 American Basketball
10.00 Oddie in Paradise: a look at birds and wildlife in New Guinea.
10.30 Adderly: "Adderly with Eggroll". Tonight, Adderly's assignment is to protect a dethroned queen and her pets — the dogs. Everything that can go wrong goes wrong before Adderly becomes a hero again.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
08.00 Opening
08.02 Songs and Music
08.05 Science Journal
08.20 Songs and Music
08.30 News
08.40 Songs and Music
08.45 Daily Programme
09.00 Songs and Music
09.15 Writers and their Works
09.30 Radio Magazine Supplement
10.00 Our Press Today
10.05 Songs and Music
10.30 Songs and Music
11.00 Closedown
13.30 News on the FM Service.
21.00 Opening
21.02 Bits and Bites
21.30 News
21.45 Point of View
21.55 Songs and Music
22.00 Facts about Zionism
22.15 Magazine Special
22.45 Daily Programme
23.00 Fell Moll
24.00 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening/Holy Quran
1910 Behrtezen Qam
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Islam Daur-e-Hazir
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Hamare Mehman
2100 Closedown

FM Services

08.00-08.30 Easy Listening
08.30-08.40 News
08.40-10.00 Easy Listening
10.00-10.30 Songs and Music
10.30-11.00 Easy Listening
11.00-11.30 News
11.30-12.00 Easy Listening
12.00-12.30 Classical Music
12.30-13.00 Easy Listening
13.00-13.30 Latin American
13.30-14.00 Pops
14.00-15.00 Heller Skelter
15.00-16.00 Pops
16.00-17.00 Easy Listening
17.00-18.00 Latin American
18.00-19.00 Pops
19.00-20.00 Heller Skelter
20.00-21.30 Pops
21.30-22.45 News
22.45-23.00 Jazz
23.00-24.00 Easy Listening
24.00-24.30 Instrumental Listening

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 Religious Service
0100 News Summary followed by Sergeant Pepper (ex 21st The Old Ladies at the Zoo; 28th Pop Special)
45 Organists of Paris (ex 28th Pop Special contd.)
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Peabody's Choice
30 Science in Action (ex 28th Dis-

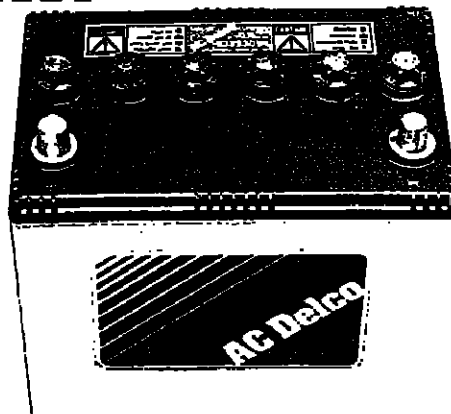
covery
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes (ex 28th A Matter of Honour)
0400 Newsworld
30 Christmas with the Savages
45 Reflections
50 Waveguide
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Nature Notebook
45 Recording of the Week
0600 Newsworld
30 Questions of Faith
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 14th Robots on the March: 21st Learning the Lingo; 28th Art and Accountability
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Christmas with the Savages
30 Anything Goes
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Good Books
30 Financial News (ex 28th) followed by Sports Roundup
45 Peabody's Choice
1000 News Summary followed by Questions of Faith
30 The Vintage Chart Show
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Tech Talk
30 Album Time



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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

LIBERTY means responsibility. That is why most men dread it — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born writer (1856-1950).

OPINION

Time to restore the lost land

THE US President did everything in his power to see that human rights were not violated in Afghanistan, and being Muslims, we thank him for this, although we recognise that such a stand was motivated by the dispute between the US and the Soviets.

But we really wish that President Reagan, who was pleased after signing the treaty with the Soviets to protect the lives of the West Europeans, would look objectively at what is being done in the Arab occupied territories and see the ugliness of the Israeli occupation and the brutality of the Israeli Army.

We want this brutality to continue since it has been the case throughout history that the greed of the Jews became their killer. Wherever they went, their domination reached the extent of sucking the people's blood and the Jews paid a heavy price for their greed. We want more greed and brutality in the occupied territories because this is the way to the Israelis' end.

We wish that the US President, who holds world power in his hands and speaks of peace during the Christmas holidays, would spend Christmas or New Year's night in the occupied territories and just see the brutality of the occupation forces against the Palestinian people. Of course, we do not want President Reagan to ask Israel to change its attitude, but we would rather urge him to ask Israelis to increase their oppression and tyranny and kill more of our children, as this alone will add more strength and force to our revolution.

The true revolution is not that of elegant shirts and French suits with Cuban cigars. This is not a revolution but the misuse of revolution. There are some who eat chicken and others who go to bed hungry. Those who are hungry have acted, and I think it will be very difficult to stop them, unless they believe in a new lie from world diplomatic figures.

Israel today is living through real terrorism which they used in 1948 when they stole the Palestinians' land from them. It is time now for the Palestinians to frighten the Israelis and have their land restored to them. Those lost rights will not be restored from outside of Palestine where thousands of liberation fronts have formed including the Abu Faleh, Abu Saleh, Abu Mousa and even the Umm Mousa fronts, with reports such as "the Abu Saleh front killed 20 from the Abu Faleh front."

But now all Palestinians are united in one front against the enemy, with real weapons: stones and blood. More arms could be made available with the intensification of the uprising, but those who eat peanuts and drink Black Label liberate nothing except their minds, after stealing millions, which they took by force.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Administering careful doses of decentralisation

Vietnam leader shakes bureaucracy

By Paul Wedel

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam. (UPI): When Vietnam's new Communist Party leader took power a year ago he promised "vigorous renovation in leadership," but warned "the road lying before us is fraught with difficulties."

He has been right on both scores.

Since taking power on Dec 18, 1986, the short, stocky Nguyen van Linh, called "our little Gorbachev" by some Vietnamese, has taken the stifling bureaucracy of his party and government and shaken it vigorously.

Like Soviet party leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Linh has tried to make the socialist system work better by administering careful doses of decentralisation, private enterprise and open criticism.

Less than two months after his election as general secretary, Linh supervised a cabinet shakeup that dropped ministers out of every single ministry related to the faltering economy.

He began listening to the advice of Nguyen Van Oanh, a Harvard-trained economist who once served briefly as deputy prime minister of South Vietnam.

"He (Linh) is an old man with young ideas," Oanh said of the 72-year-old, steel-gray-haired leader.

Linh was dropped from the ruling politburo in 1982, but made an unusual comeback in 1985 after serving as party leader in southern Vietnam.

The party chief and a coterie of like-minded top officials proclaimed a series of reforms that were supposed to provide more incentives for workers, more decision-making power for executives and the first official sanction for small-scale private businesses.

In April the party conducted national assembly elections considered the most democratic polls ever held by the Vietnamese

communists. For the first time many constituencies had more than one name on the ballot. At the same time thousands of officials were expelled from the Communist Party for inefficiency, corruption, embezzlement, and "decadent living."

Most of those purged were quietly pensioned off, but a newly aggressive press highlighted the trials and convictions of senior officials in an apparent effort to regain lost public confidence in the party.

Linh was not satisfied, however, and in May, "unbearably itching to write," started his own muck-raking column titled "Things that must be done immediately."

The front page column in the Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan became the talk of the country by naming names and giving details of misdeeds past governments have dealt with quietly if at all.

Linh's column attacked inefficiency that allowed thousands of tons of garlic to rot, red tape that quadrupled the price of aviation fuel, expensive foreign cars for official use, and abuse of power by a special senior official.

He even wrote about a sex scandal involving a tax official. In one column Linh complained of "the huge inertia created by the outmoded concepts and the horrible conservatism in our work style."

Analysts in Bangkok said the sharpness of the column indicated Linh's frustration with an entrenched bureaucracy that was quietly but stubbornly resisting his reforms.

Linh said that after the appearance of his first articles "some comrades advised me to stop writing them before the stage was reached when the articles were not welcomed."

"Evidently I have stirred up some displeasure," he said. "Some charged that 'criticism and self-criticism has only confused the people and hampered the work of leading cadres.'"

Ten major news reports

Superpower summit heads list of 1987's top stories

By Paul Alexander

NEW YORK, (AP): The US-Soviet summit, which included the signing of an agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons, was the top news story of 1987, according to editors on six continents polled by the Associated Press.

The third meeting between US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev easily outpaced such other major stories as the declines in the US dollar and the world's financial markets; the Soviet Union's social and economic reforms; and the long-simmering Gulf war between Iran and Iraq. Gorbachev's first visit to the United States earned 74 first-place votes from the 119 ballots cast. Participants in the poll were newspaper, radio, television and news agency editors in 44 countries, excluding the United States.

The editors were asked to list

what they viewed as the top 10 stories of 1987. Based on 10 points for each first-place vote to one point for each story rated in 10th place, the summit earned 1,046 points.

The first Reagan-Gorbachev meeting, in Geneva, was voted the top news story of 1987, while their second meeting, in Iceland, was 1986's No. 2 story, after the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in the Soviet Union.

In second place this year, with 18 first-place votes and 847 points, was the Oct 20 record decline on Wall Street that accompanied the rapid fall of the dollar and major declines in other financial markets.

The Soviet reform campaigns — known as glasnost for more openness in Soviet society and perestroika for economic revamping — were 1987's third-ranked story, garnering 13 first-place votes and 662 points.

In fourth place, with three first-place votes and 647 points,

was the 7-year-old Gulf war. The fifth-rated story, with two first-place votes, was the continuing spread of AIDS.

The probe into the secret sale of US arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to the US-backed Contra rebels in Nicaragua was the No. 6 story, with one first-place vote and 372 points.

In seventh place, with two first-place votes and 329 points, was the May 28 flight of teen-age West German pilot Mathias Rust to Moscow's Red Square that led to a shakeup in the Soviet defence hierarchy. The story received most of its votes from European subscribers.

The Central American Peace Plan, which was designed to end insurgencies in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala, was voted the No. 8 story with 240 points.

The sinking of the ferry "Herald of Free Enterprise" off Zeebrugge, Belgium, that left some 180 people dead was the ninth-ranked story with 205 points.

In 10th place, with 178 points mainly from Asian AP subscribers, was Chinese politics, including the crackdown on pro-democracy protests in China and Tibet.

Dead

The next 10 stories, in order of their rankings, were:

● The July 31 clash in Makkah between Saudi security forces and Hajj pilgrims that left at least 400 people dead.

● Protests in South Korea that led President Chun Doo-Hwan to accept democratic reforms, including direct presidential elections.

● The growing problem of Third World debt.

● Continued unrest and coup attempts in the Philippines.

● The Tamil insurgency in Sri Lanka that continued despite an India-brokered peace plan.

● Allegations that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, a former UN secretary-general, was involved in Nazi war crimes.

● The disappearance of Anglican church envoy Terry Waite in Lebanon and the continued captivity of other foreigners there.

● Two coups that unsettled the South Pacific island chain of Fiji.

● Anti-apartheid activities and moves toward sanctions against South Africa's white-led government.

● Air incidents, including the disappearance of a KAL fight near Burma, and the crashes of a Lot flight in Warsaw, Northwest in Detroit and continental in Denver. Other major crashes occurred in Mexico, Thailand, the Ivory Coast and near the coast of Mauritius.

Other stories mentioned on at least five ballots were:

● The March 5 Ecuador earthquake that killed 1,000-2,000 people; the Aug 17 suicide in Berlin's Spandau prison of Hitler aide Rudolf Hess; the Chad-Libya border conflict; Lebanon's ongoing civil war; Mideast

peace efforts; the start of the US presidential race, including the early end of campaigns by Democrats Gary Hart and Joseph Biden.

The Nazi war-crimes trial in France of Klaus Barbie; Pope John Paul II's trips to Europe, Latin America and the United States; the July 18 massacre in Mozambique that left 388 people dead; and the continuing insurgency in Surinam.

Last year, the top 10 stories were: the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident in the Soviet Ukraine; the US-Soviet summit; the explosion of the US space shuttle Challenger; the civilian-backed military revolt that swept Corazon Aquino to the Philippine presidency; the Iran-Contra affair; the US bombing raids on military targets in Libya; terrorism; apartheid unrest; AIDS; the rapid decline of world oil prices; and the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. The last two were tied for 10th.

Focus shifts from withdrawal timetable to interim government

By Andrew Katell

UNITED NATIONS, (AP): As Soviet troops approach the start of a ninth year in Afghanistan, a year of negotiations has narrowed differences over a timetable for Soviet withdrawal.

The shape of the government that might take over after a Soviet pullout now is a key aspect of intense diplomatic activity. Diplomats hope that the next round of negotiations, scheduled for February in Geneva, will be the last needed to settle Soviet involvement in the war, a diplomatic and military quagmire for Moscow.

Soviet officials privately say mounting public resentment and realisation that the communist rulers in Kabul cannot stand alone have made it a question of whether to do so.

"I consider that the next round should be decisive on the question of a time-frame for withdrawal," the UN mediator in the dispute, Diego Cordovez, said Nov 23.

Similar predictions were made before the last round of talks in September. Since then, however, a number of developments have heartened observers.

● Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Dec 10 in Washington after his summit with US President Ronald Reagan that his country would be willing to pull out its troops over a year or less. The previous Soviet position was a 16-month timetable; Pakistan wants it reduced to eight months.

● Cordovez, who mediates in Geneva in the indirect talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan, met separately with US and Soviet officials after the summit to discuss a new proposal on a coalition government in Kabul, news reports said. UN officials refused to disclose details.

It is known that deposed Afghan King Mohammad Zahir Shah, now living in Rome, has been approached by UN mediators and American industrialist Armand Hammer about a role in a new government.

Hammer says Afghanistan's Moscow-backed leader, Najib, has agreed to a framework based on the return of the former king, with his son-in-law, Gen. Abdul Wali, serving as prime minister of a non-aligned government.

● The Soviet Union has promised to stop all military operations on the first day of a gradual withdrawal from Afghanistan, Soviet ambassador to Pakistan Abdur Rehman Vezirov said Thursday.

● Despite an intensive Soviet diplomatic campaign, the UN General Assembly on Nov 10 approved for the ninth year a resolution calling for an immediate Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

● Pullout

In helping to arrange an interim government, the United Nations is taking on a new role beyond its original mandate to push for a Soviet troop pullout. Since the Kremlin has been reducing the withdrawal timetable, the UN focus has shifted to helping foster national reconciliation.

Najib announced his own programme of national reconciliation Jan 15, offering an amnesty and inviting the resistance into a power-sharing deal with the communists.

However, the rebels rejected the proposal, and Najib's recent election to a seven-year presidential term by the legislature has

strengthened doubts among the insurgents about their chances of sharing power with political leaders installed by the Soviets.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar also has indicated Najib's programme was not sufficient.

What the Afghans have not so far set in motions is a widely acceptable mechanism for dialogue and decision-making," Perez de Cuellar said in an annual report to the general assembly on Afghanistan.

Following up on that call, Cordovez met earlier this month with Zahir Shah and guerrilla leaders, press reports said. "A settlement won't work unless there is a concerted movement toward some reconciliation, provisional or transitional arrangement," the UN mediator has said.

The Soviets have been particularly interested in seeing interim government arrangements in place before a withdrawal begins. They say those are necessary to ensure that Soviet lives are not endangered by a backlash from hostile Afghans.

Western diplomats in Afghanistan and those who monitor the conflict from Moscow and Islamabad say a quick Soviet pullout would lead to a blood-bath. Afghanistan's army relies heavily on Soviet air power in its battle with the guerrillas, who control much of the countryside and now have US-made Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

But Pakistan and the rebels' Western supporters also have a different concern.

Stop

Under agreements already worked out in the Geneva talks, the United States and Pakistan would stop aiding the guerrillas as soon as a Soviet troop withdrawal begins.

Pakistan and the United States want Soviet troops to pull out rapidly after the guerrillas' arms supplies are cut to ensure that the remaining soldiers do not gain the upper hand on the rebels.

The Soviet Union has an estimated 115,000 troops in Afghanistan. Kremlin forces entered the country in December 1979 to help the Marxist government fight insurgents.

Pakistan, Afghanistan's neighbour, harbours more than 3 million Afghan refugees and the United States provides arms to the insurgents, including the shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. Refugee camps just inside Pakistan serve as bases and supply points for the guerrillas.

IN '84, THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY CHARACTER



PEOPLE GOT THE IDEA I WAS A FAKE



I LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT AMERICANS DON'T LIKE A PHONY



SO FOR '88, I'M CHANGING MY WHOLE PERSONALITY

WASERMAN
OF THE BOSTON GLOBE

Gaza unrest dents Israel's world image

By Paul Taylor

TEL AVIV, (Reuters): Israel's world image, partially restored after its 1985 withdrawal from Lebanon, has been badly dented by the latest wave of Palestinian unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israeli and foreign diplomats say.

"Not since the bombing of Beirut in 1982 has world criticism of Israel been so harsh," Foreign Ministry Director-General Yossi Beilin told the Haaretz newspaper.

The killing of at least 14 Palestinian protesters and the wounding of more than 100 by Israeli troops in violent demonstrations have been sharply condemned by most of Israel's closest friends, including the United States.

The global outcry has become headline news in image-conscious Israel, sometimes crowding out accounts of the violence.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has sought to minimise the unrest, which resembled a general insurrection in Gaza, and shrug off mounting international protests.

He declared the riots were provoked from abroad by "terror organisations" and accused Washington of appeasing Arab states by criticising Israel's use of force.

Damage

President Chaim Herzog, who was visiting Britain during the disturbances, was quoted by the British Broadcasting Corporation as calling them insignificant.

Both Shamir and Herzog blamed the media, but a Foreign Ministry spokesman acknowledged on Thursday: "It's not the press coverage that is doing any

damage, but the events are."

The Foreign Ministry has set up a crisis team to pump-out information to embassies abroad about the situation, but the spokesman denied press reports of a planned propaganda campaign to restore Israel's image.

Israel has taken more of a battering in the world press and at the United Nations this week than at any time since it invaded Lebanon and bombed West Beirut in 1982 in an attempt to drive PLO commandos out of its war-torn northern neighbour.

Western diplomats said Israel's international standing rose markedly over the last three years due to its withdrawal from most of Lebanon, and to the more conciliatory leadership of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the prime minister from 1984 to 1986.

Takeshita gains from low profile

By Eugene Moosa

MANILA, (Reuters): Noboru Takeshita made a successful but low-key debut as Japan's new premier during his trip to Manila mostly by avoiding risky language and topics.

During his meetings with President Corazon Aquino and other leaders of the Association of South East Asian Nations, Takeshita emphasised that he was a newcomer on the international stage and displayed none of the self-confident style of his predecessor, Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Whereas Nakasone was often involved in controversial remarks over Japan's military role, its constitution and the need for nationalism, Takeshita

briskly did away with tricky questions on military revival by resorting to classic replies:

"We have absolutely no intention of reviving the Japan of the past. We will adhere to our peace constitution," Takeshita said in a news conference after talks with Aquino.

Listening

An official report submitted to the Asean summit meeting, held for the first time in ten years, pointed out that Japan last year abandoned a ceiling on military spending of one per cent of gross national product.

Takeshita also downplayed what is increasingly seen as Japan's dominant economic role in the region and denied that his country was set on replacing the US presence in South-East Asia.

"We are only doing what we can according to our economic resources," Takeshita said.

Observers of Tokyo politics said he successfully displayed the political patience that brought him to power, praising the achievements of others and listening carefully to what the other person has to say.

Political analysts and officials say patience and a low profile, coupled with expertise in key domestic affairs and intra-party manoeuvres, earned him much respect in Japan and the job.

"I only have six weeks experience since becoming prime minister. I wish to follow the footsteps of a long administration like yours," Takeshita told Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda after the Asean summit on Tuesday.

"The leaders of the (Asean) nations are much more senior than I am. I am glad that I was able to improve mutual understanding with them," he told the news conference. That came as a reply to a question asking for his own assessment of his first foreign performance as premier.

Takeshita's aides and officials accompanying him said he was able to benefit from past stable relations between Japanese premiers and South-East Asian leaders.

Besides, Takeshita arrived in Manila with an unprecedented \$2 billion aid package to boost the private sectors of Asean's economies.

Takeshita and his wife, Naoko, braved security concerns in Manila, and was thanked for this by Aquino and other Asean leaders.

Little Christmas cheer in shortage-hit Romania

By Kenneth Jautz

BUCHAREST, Romania. (AP): The Christmas wish-list for the average Romanian family is short this year — more meat, more meat and a short winter.

There is little holiday cheer in this shortage-stricken Balkan capital, where energy-saving decrees have, as in past winters, left streets darkened and apartments cold.

Residents slip and slide on icy sidewalks that financially strapped authorities make little effort to clear. They stand stamping their feet for hours in long food lines in hopes of finding meat, potatoes, or other hard-to-get goods.

Heat is on everyone's mind. At the city's leading luxury hotel, receptionists urge guests to take the more expensive "superior" rooms. "Sometimes we have problems with the heating in the standard rooms," said one recep-

tionist explained to a visitor last week.

At Hanul Manuc, the leading restaurant in the city's old town area, diners wear coats and hats throughout their meal. Waiters have unscrewed light bulbs to save electricity, casting gloomy shadows throughout the room.

At home, many Romanians are forced to heat just one room because of the government's energy-rationing decrees. Often, heating oil is not delivered, or authorities turn off central heating systems in whole sections of the city, residents say.

Heat

"We can either heat one room to a comfortable level, or keep two or three rooms at about 13 degrees (55 degrees Fahrenheit)," said one 33-year-old Romanian. "But we have given up trying to keep the whole house warm."

Because of electricity ration-

ing, Romanian television broadcasts just two hours a day, and residents say they can only burn one or two light bulbs in a room without risk of exceeding their state-set monthly limits on electricity.

Throughout Bucharest, residents were searching last week for food items for their Christmas feast. The dinner, traditionally served on Dec 24, normally features sarmale, the Romanian national dish of minced meat wrapped in cabbage leaves.

But good-quality meat is virtually impossible to find this year, and there are shortages of milk, butter, flour, cooking oil, and many other basic foodstuffs.

Butcher shops in central Bucharest offered little more than canned sardines and black sausages in recent days.

At the state-run Unirea Produce Market, hundreds of people began pushing and shov-

ing Tuesday when potatoes unexpectedly went on sale. A long summer drought destroyed much of this year's crop of potatoes, a staple of the Romanian diet.

Creased

In the narrow streets of the city's old town area, scores of people crowded around street-corner vendors selling Christmas cards in French, German, English and Romanian. Some cards looked creased, and were yellowing at the edges with age.

While Christmas is not officially celebrated in this communist nation, some 80 per cent of the country's 23 million people are Romanian orthodox. They celebrate the year-end holiday, decorating Christmas trees and exchanging gifts when possible.

Most Romanians are allowed to leave work early on Dec 24, but are officially required to show up on Christmas day.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1620 — Pilgrims go ashore from ship Mayflower at what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, in United States
- 1747 — Convention of St Petersburg between Britain, Holland and Russia is signed.
- 1832 — Egyptian forces rout Turkish Army at battle of Komieh.
- 1851 — French plebiscite supports new constitution drawn up by Louis Napoleon.
- 1898 — Radium is discovered by scientists Pierre and Marie Curie.
- 1921 — Russia and Turkey form alliance.
- 1934 — Bolivia's President Daniel Salamanca is overthrown in military coup.
- 1942 — British 8th Army reoccupies Benghazi in Africa in World War II.
- 1953 — Iran's former Premier Mohammed Mosaddegh is sentenced to three years in prison for trying to lead revolt against Shah.
- 1960 — Saudi Arabia's Premier Emir Faisal resigns, and King Saud takes over government.
- 1961 — Moise Tshombe agrees to end secession of Katanga.
- 1967 — Louis Washkansky, first man to undergo heart transplant, dies in Cape Town, South Africa, 18 days after the surgery.
- 1971 — Kurt Waldheim, Austrian diplomat, is chosen secretary-general of United Nations.
- 1972 — East and West Germany formally sign treaty ending more than two decades of official enmity.
- 1975 — Terrorists raid meeting of Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Vienna, Austria. Eleven delegates and others are taken hostage, and two guards are killed.
- 1986 — South African government takes out newspaper advertisements to defend its new censorship rules.

By Michael J. Woods

Rich pickings from ivory intensify poaching activity

Elephants in peril

ELEPHANTS will become extinct in most of Africa by the turn of the century if figures recently published by Iain Douglas-Hamilton in his African Elephant Database Project report for the United Nations Environment Programme are correct. Ironically, the organised slaughter of family groups, as carried out in Zimbabwe, offers some hope for the future.

During the past 15 years, 84 per cent of the elephants have been poached from Kenya's Tsavo National Park, a loss of 29,300 animals from a total of 35,000 while, overall, well over 80 per cent have disappeared from Kenya which has a strict ban on private ivory trading and a concern for preserving its wildlife, if only because of the tourist income it generates.

In some other countries, the situation is even worse with almost no elephants left at all and even in Zimbabwe's Luangwa Valley, an area noted for its high elephant population, some scientists calculate from the evidence of a count carried out this year, that nine elephants are being killed every single day.

The poaching of elephants for ivory has been going on for years, certainly since the price of ivory rose substantially in the 1970s when it became profitable for those at the end of the chain to store their gains in controlled conditions as an alternative to gold or diamonds. Indeed it is believed that three quarters of the ivory currently available was obtained illegally in the first instance.

Quite clearly Douglas-Hamilton's figures put the elephant in peril. Those of us living outside Africa would lose an animal of great beauty and dignity, the largest land mammal which lives in a complex society about which we are still making discoveries.

But more than that, many people consider the elephant to be the touchstone of the national park system in Africa and if an animal as large as this can be allowed to disappear, what hope is there for the rest?

Within the continent itself, of course, many of the countries are heavily populated and their people are suffering from food shortages. To them the national parks are just so much



At least nine elephants are being killed everyday in Zimbabwe.



A baby elephant is struck by a hunting spear while the mother mourns.

wasted agricultural land. They can see little connection between their own prosperity and Western tourists who have

come to look at the wildlife and in some cases there is none. No wonder that if there is the chance of a bit of poaching,

especially if there are rich pickings to be had from ivory, there is no shortage of poachers. The results are well

documented. The family group from which the dead elephant has come is deprived of its leader, for the old matriarch often has the largest tusks and is the selected prize. As elephants pass down from generation to generation wisdom accumulated over many years about their range, neighbouring families, threats to life, the best feeding area, and watering places, this knowledge is lost with the death of the older herd leaders. The social structure begins to collapse as the younger animals struggle to fend for themselves, floundering and dispersing rather than remaining as a cohesive group.

The carcasses of the animals killed by poachers are left to rot. On a continent where protein is in short supply, this is a desperate waste of 2 tonnes of valuable meat and sheets of supple leather.

One alternative, of course, is to cull the elephants as they do in Zimbabwe. Here whole families are slaughtered in a matter of minutes and butchered on the spot, the meat is made into biltong for sale in the cities, the leather is salted and stacked, like boards, until it can be properly tanned and the tusks accrue to the state. They are often carved within the country both ensuring that their enhanced value goes to the common benefit and increasing local employment.

By this means, the man in the streets of Harare and Bulawayo is actually concerned that elephants should survive and poaching should be prevented. It has been comprehensively established in other areas of Africa that if a species and its habitat are to be conserved, local people must see the benefit to themselves in its continued existence. Cropping of elephants in this way clearly gives them a value above either the pure aesthetics or the scientific interest that only those with full bellies can afford to appreciate.

Before you can afford to cull though, elephant numbers will have to be rebuilt and that means stopping poaching now by re-inforcing and re-equipping game guard services. The recently launched African Elephant Fund is raising money to do just that, not, it should be pointed out, to enable elephants to be culled at a later date but to prevent the worst fears expressed in Iain Douglas-Hamilton's report becoming a dreadful reality.

Tanzanian lions on rampage

In Tanzania, lions have been attacking and devouring men, women and children. The attacks are becoming more and more frequent, and the government has resorted to offering a bounty for each lion killed. Paradoxically, human activities — poaching and destruction of the lions' natural habitat — may be the causal factor behind the sudden taste for human flesh.

By Charles Mmbaga

RESIDENTS of the southern Tanzanian district of Tunduru, close to the border with Mozambique, are living in fear. When a lion roars, the local population — most of whom are peasant farmers — start with fright, for marauding lions have already claimed the lives of over 50 local inhabitants.

Everyday life for the people of Tunduru has become grim. Evening outings and other social activities have become events of the past. People are officially being advised to walk in pairs for their own safety. Those unaccompanied when the sun sets, prefer to run instead of walk, in a desperate bid to escape from any lions that may be stalking them. Husbands are called upon to guard their wives as they conduct domestic activities outside their houses after dark.

Lions, or "simba" as they are known locally, have been attacking human beings in an unprecedented manner over the past few years. During the last 20 months, 54 people in Tunduru town and its surrounding areas have had their lives cut short by the marauding beasts. In May of this year, 10 people, most of them peasants returning from their fields and farms, were savaged to death by lions in and around Tunduru town and nearby villages.

According to Charles Mwankeja, a Tanzania News Agency employee who was in Tunduru when a lion claimed the fifth victim to die in February this year, the fear of man-eating lions in the area has escalated to a point where it has "totally eclipsed economic activities and other communal businesses".

Development projects and farming operations in some remote areas of the district have been abandoned and regional authorities anticipate a marked drop in the maize harvest. The Tanzanian government, through local regional authorities, has tried to do something to eliminate the lion menace. They have offered a 5,000/- Tsh (US\$80) reward for each lion killed, but there have been few takers so far. The lion-hunting campaign was intensified earlier this year, but the hunters — including game scouts and members of the armed forces, who are supported by the local population and occasionally by helicopters — admit that they have not, so far, been very successful.

The campaign received a severe setback when a lion being tracked by a team of hunters decided to ambush the hunting team. The member of the hunting party it seized turned out to be Alex Nduma Jaloma, the Tunduru District Game Officer.

Events such as this have helped to fuel local beliefs that the Tunduru lions are "human-made" and are kept by people who practice witchcraft. Historically, local Tunduru people believe that there are certain individuals who can commission "their lions" to "discipline" their enemies.

Mzee Lukwindo Sigara, a native of Mozambique who moved to Tunduru 30 years ago, swears that there are people who "make lions". He says such man-made lions which "are in their thousands in Tunduru, can even come to your house at night and knock on the door, and the moment you open the door, you are gone".

However, the government is treating these beliefs with the derision they deserve. A mem-

ber of the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) National Executive Committee, Laurence Mtazama Gama, recently ridiculed the beliefs as unfounded rumours which have no scientific backing. "There is no such thing as man-made man-eaters", he said.

What then causes the lions of Tunduru to seek human flesh? According to animal experts, man himself may be to blame.

Tunduru district lies in the southern end of the famous Selous Game Reserve and the unprotected northern Mozambican jungles where wild animals were abundant. Widespread poaching in both areas has cleared virtually all the small game, including antelopes, which are the natural prey of lions.

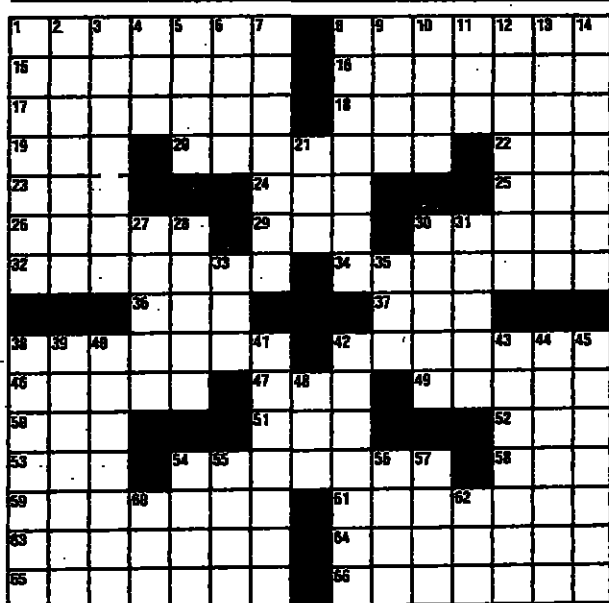
"Poaching, and drought have literally starved the lions of the game", says C. May, of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism. As a result, he says, the lions have been forced to seek alternative food, which happens to be human beings.

In a move to intensify the fight against the lions, about 20 villages plagued by the beasts are to be provided with 50 rounds of ammunition and, according to the Party Secretary-General, Rashid Kawawa, villagers are also to be supplied with explosives.

Legend would have it that once a lion tastes human flesh it will go on hunting for more, even if there are other animals around. And for that reason, only a full-fledged government campaign to eliminate all the Tunduru lions will rescue the local population from their current state of near-terror.

Courtesy: Panos.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
B. JAY BECKER, 1904-1987

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

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 ♣ K Q 10 5 3 2

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 ♥ 5 3
 ♦ 10 7 5
 ♣ 6

EAST
 ♥ K 6 3 2
 ♦ J 10 9 7 4
 ♣ J 9 6

SOUTH
 ♠ J 6 4 2
 ♥ A J 9 8
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ A 7 4

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♠
 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
 6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
 6 NT Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead: King of ♠

The ranks of our contemporaries continue to thin. One of the game's all-time greats, B. Jay Becker, died quietly at his home some six weeks ago. As a player, writer and teacher he had few peers. When the American Bridge League named its original 10 Life Masters in 1936, Becker was No. 6.

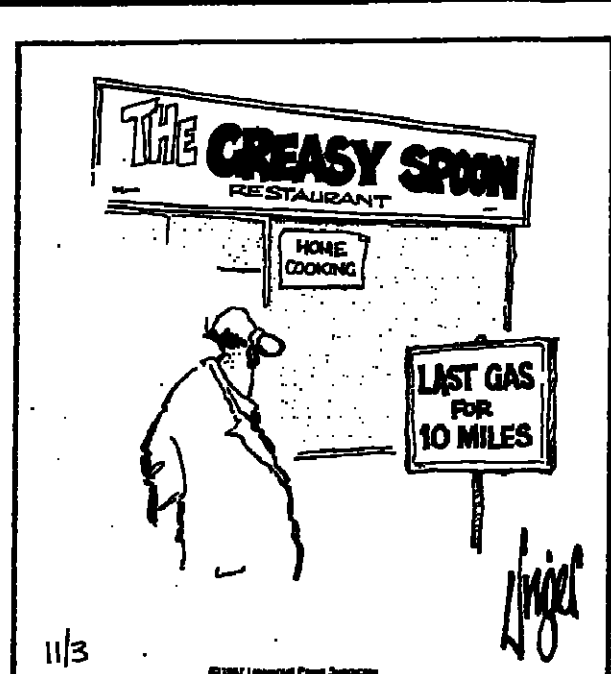
So much will be written about his skills that there is no need for us to extol him further in this column. Rather than reprint one of the many fine hands he played over the years,

we have chosen one where he and his partner were the goats—but one which Mr. Becker, as he was known to his friends, would relate with wry humor.

The hand was played during the qualifying rounds of the 1966 World Open Pairs championship, and the hero was Fadi Bustros of Beirut, who held the West cards. When Mr. Becker opened one diamond and his partner responded one heart, Bustros slipped in an innocent two club psychic overall. It succeeded beyond his wildest dreams.

After Mr. B carefully rebid his diamonds, South's two no trump response made it obvious that West had psyched. So Mr. Becker simply bid what he thought he could make—six clubs! That seemed to thoroughly confuse South, who bid six spades. Bustros was prepared to defend that contract, and although North improved matters somewhat by converting to six no trump, Bustros was equally enchanted with that contract. He did not double, because he did not want to chase his opponents to seven of a minor. As the cards lie, seven clubs can be made. By the time he made the opening lead, Bustros was almost falling off his chair with laughter, and Mr. Becker had a tale that became one of his favorites.

It is not often we meet a modest, humorous, intelligent man. It makes his loss harder to bear.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should try to adopt a steady working pace instead of sudden bursts of activity followed by periods of inaction. Show a little more sympathy towards those less fortunate than you.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to do something you had long wanted to do. You should keep calm even if the circumstances are rather turbulent. Make sure your partner has nothing to complain about.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have a better idea of what needs to be done in the circumstances. You should take special care not to strain your back. Consider carefully before deciding on what to do, but do not waver.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The stellar influences are mixed, but you will be able to deal with a rather complex problem. You should not be too proud to act on good advice and you should not take well-meant criticism personally.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be rather more nervous and impatient than usual. You should take special care when on the road either driving or walking. Do not try to do things by force. Be temperate.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be in a rather better mood, but you should still exercise self-control. You should make sure you do not forget to keep and are not late for an appointment. Take rather better care of your health.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You should take care to avoid allowing yourself to be distracted. You should be on the lookout for those who are trying to deceive you. However no need to suspect that everyone is plotting against you.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

The Moon's influence together with that of Mars will help you to do what you set out to do. A small injury should be treated, but you should not think you are a total invalid.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Mercury's influence will help you to achieve and maintain harmony. You should try to take it a little more easily: are you getting enough rest? You will be rather too inclined to jump to conclusions.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

The Moon's influence will help you to avail yourself of a good opportunity. You should beware of toying with anything electrical. Pay more attention to your personal affairs. Be tenacious without being obdurate.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will tend to be a little more nervous and impatient. You should not expect others to be at your bid and call. You are all too liable to draw the wrong conclusions. Be a little less extravagant.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should beware of exaggerating nor should you say the first thing that comes to your head. Try not to permit yourself to be distracted. You will be more amenable to change. Be respectful.

Grandmother makes success of a job traditionally reserved for men

Limestone carving: a new lifetime adventure

By Hattie Clark

ELLETSVILLE, Ind. — Joyce Harmon is a mom and grandma who, when day is done, looks as if she'd tumbled into a flour bin. But she has not tarts or cakes to show for her work.

Instead, she has a spectacular piece of limestone carving. Each workday, Mrs. Harmon's pneumatic gouge scatters showers of limestone snow as she carves scrolls and rosettes on slabs of stone, and by quitting time, all five feet of her is powdered white.

Among her recent sculpting credits are five restoration pieces for the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. — an example of the rising restoration consciousness that has blessed the limestone business with a renaissance.

Harmon is employed at the Bybee Stone Company Ellettsville, Ind., situated along one of the richest and most accessible lodes in the world. Here is a job usually reserved for men; not because the work is too strenuous for women, but because inhabitants of this farm and quarry country generally follow the traditional male-female job divisions. If Har-

mon chose to stick strictly to that code, she'd know only the dust scared up by a broom.

But that's no longer the calling for this mother, who did her share of homemaking when she raised six children in Texas. Now she works with Bybee's carving crew. From the carvers' quarters, she can look out into the cavernous mill, where limestone is stacked like a titan's toy blocks.

Using giant saws, cutters slice the 10- to 20-ton blocks to architects' specifications. Those to be embellished are carted to the carvers. Those left plain are transported nationwide to predetermined projects.

Cutters and carvers aren't the same, although now and then a body with brawn and artistic talent can walk a bridge between the two jobs. In short, cutters tailor the limestone, while carvers add the flourish. Popularized by the 1979 movie "Breaking Away," cutters are a culture unto themselves: craftsmen who need a steady hand and a keen eye to accomplish the straight and geometric cutting. Competition often stirs within these skilled ranks to see who can cut the most, the best.

It's the carving aspect, however, that demands the creative touch. And Harmon, a 10th-grade dropout, had no idea until 11 years ago that she harbored this artistic bent. Her switch from home to career began when "one day, I just hopped on a bicycle and went down and took the GED," she says, referring to the General Educational Development exam, equivalent to a high school diploma.

From there, it was a short step to San Jacinto college in Pasadena, Tex., where she took sculpture, working in marble, unaware that before long she'd be carving marble's kin, limestone, and earning a living at it. (When limestone undergoes extreme heat and pressure in the earth's interior, it's transformed into marble, a metamorphic rock that's more compact and crystalline.) Harmon apprenticed in limestone carving at a Texas mill and graduated cum laude from the University of Houston in 1980.

Harmon labels limestone carving "a new lifetime adventure." And so it is. At home, she's working on seven panels, four feet tall, that will form a wall depicting in relief the Bible's book of Revelation. For-

tunately, her husband, Ben Harmon, knows how to help with the heavy work on the panels, because he's been around stone mills all his life. He now operates an overhead crane at Bybee.

On warm spring days the Bybee carvers' quarters stay cool, and the mill's dogs nap, oblivious to the saws that sing with a bzzzz and brrrr. Harmon, working from a blueprint, transfers a pattern onto her limestone block, which rests squarely on sawhorses. Down the way, Bybee's youngest carver, 25-year-old Jeff Leisz, stops to watch.

"The pattern just gets it on the limestone. The variance comes in detail and depth," says Leisz, explaining that there's much room for interpretation in carving.

"You take the leaves, for instance," he says. "Now Henry (Morris), he likes his leaves to roll real deep, like a spoon." So how does Leisz like his leaves? "Well, I like 'em just the way Henry likes 'em," he says, laughing — because Henry Morris is a master carver and head carver at Bybee. And an exacting boss, says Leisz.

Leisz started as a cutter right out of high school, then was

given a try at carving when the workload on the fancy side of the business got extra heavy. He had the knack.

So under Morris's tutelage, Leisz has become a full-fledged carver. He's one of the few who can swing back and forth between cutter and carver — the former he terms "more of a sport," and the latter, "more of an art."

Apprenticed

Clarence Hayes is well-acquainted with this art. At 78, he's Bybee's oldest carver, having apprenticed years ago with an Italian master craftsman. "When I was a little kid, carvers were still using wooden mallets and chisels," recalls Hayes, whose hands are webbed with white, where limestone is embedded in wrinkles and cracks. Looking back he remembers working on the general run of brackets and leaves, but also angels and a 25-foot-tall figure of Jesus that adorned a church doorway.

"And I carved the last piece — six feet long — for the Capitol building," he says, with a pride similar to showing off a grandson.

Bybee Stone completed its job on the nation's Capitol last February. The \$3 million con-

tract called for replacing crumbling sandstone with Indiana limestone along 700 feet of entablature on the Capitol's West Front, plus the cornice on top of the building.

Three types of sandstone were used in the Capitol's original construction, with the softest going into the carved entablature, according to Wilbur Bybee, who owns and operates both the Bybee mill and the adjacent quarry along with his four sons.

"George Washington's family owned the quarry that sold the sandstone for the Capitol," he says. The entablature was simply "melting away" after more than 160 years of wear. "There were 28 coats of paint on it. That's what was holding it together," he explains.

As of late, the Bybee mill has been humming. Whenever you take a trip to Washington, D.C., browse through the Smithsonian Institution's new African and Oriental pavilions: Those interior walls are right out of the Bybee quarry. So are the towers — still in process — on Washington's National Cathedral.

1987, The Christian Science Monitor.



Bybee carver Joyce Harmon works on a detail of a wall depicting the book of revelation.

By Raymond Gijzen

DEN BOSCH, Netherlands. (Reuter): An exhibition of early work by the 19th-century Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh highlights the surprisingly sombre start to the career of an artist now famous for spectacular burst of colour.

Gloomy portraits of Dutch farmers and artisans in cramped quarters and landscapes under grey skies, made at the start of his career as a painter in the early 1880s, are now on display for the first time in Brabant, the southern Dutch province where he was born.

These dismal early works contrast sharply with the cheerful colours of Van Gogh's best known paintings, done only several years later.

Vivid

His vivid study of irises, made in a southern French mental asylum shortly before his death in 1890, was sold at auction for a record 93.9 million dollars, breaking a previous record set in March by one of his sunflower studies.

The exhibition at the Noord Brabant museum brings together 102 works from European and American collections. It is one of a series of international exhibitions looking at specific phases in Van Gogh's brief but explosive career as a painter, museum director Margriet Van Boven said.

In recent years, a Hague gallery focused on Van Gogh's stay in the city, while two shows in New York concentrated on the last years of his life in Southern France. Next year, Paris' Musee D'Orsay will stage an exhibition of his time in Paris.

"We fit in nicely with this exhibition," Van Boven said. "In his native Brabant, Van Gogh made the transition from a failed preacher and art dealer to a self-conscious and confident artist," she said, noting Van Gogh started to draw and paint only 10 years before he committed suicide in 1890.

"Almost every single year represents a separate phase ... he developed extremely fast," Van Boven said. "Where others

Sombre side of Van Gogh



Viewers admire an early work of Van Gogh at an exhibition in his native town of Brabant.

needed an entire lifetime, he took only a few years and pushed the development of art forward by two generations."

"His first portrayals were clumsy but they express the confidence that at last he knew what he wanted to do," Van Boven said.

Van Gogh, born a vicar's son in the small Brabant village of Zundert in 1853, first set out to be an art dealer and spent several years in London and Paris in the early 1870s. But he was sacked and returned home in 1876.

He then became a bookseller and briefly took up studying theology before moving to Belgium to preach in a mining area in 1878. He made his first drawings there and decided in 1880 to become an artist.

"Van Gogh was a difficult man, he failed all the time and always quarrelled with people," Van Boven said.

Like the French painter Millet, Van Gogh wanted to

depict the rural life and the themes he developed in the two small villages of Etten and Nuenen in the early 1880s would stay with him for the remainder of his short life, Van Boven said.

In Brabant, he also realised he did not want to be an academic painter and he was technically perfect. He wanted to be more daring and this makes him a pioneer of expressionism.

The highlight of the Brabant exhibition, in an elegantly restored 18th-century mansion, is a group portrait which he made in Nuenen in 1885 of a farmer's family eating potatoes.

Van Gogh made several studies before painting the final version from memory to produce his characteristic distorted faces in a moody colour scheme reminiscent of the earth from which the potatoes came.

Even then, he was not satisfied and repainted the faces to give them, as he wrote in a letter

to his brother Theo, "the colour of potatoes, unpeeled of course."

Shortly before his death, he said in a letter the work had been, after all, his best.

But if reactions from some visitors at the exhibition here are anything to go by, it is unlikely the unhappy Van Gogh — who hardly sold any of his work during his lifetime — would even have become famous for his Dutch work.

"The colour is the difference," said Van Boven, who spent more than three years putting the exhibition together.

While some of Van Gogh's later Dutch work already brightens up, it was only in Southern France that he produced the burst of colour which are now fetching record prices.

Three paintings from his Southern French period are included here to bring out the contrast with his early work.

By Juliette Rouillon

PARIS. Reuter: French artist Catherine de Lucas is aware that her works, incorporating the ashes of dead people or pets, are not to everyone's taste.

"I offer a ritual which you can take or leave. Everybody does not necessarily want to end up in an urn of ashes or rot in a coffin," the pale, blonde artist said in an interview.

"I myself would like to end my days stuck on to a painting," said De Lucas, 23, who has been criticised as morbid or obsessive by some visitors to her studio in the elegant 17th century Marais district of Paris.

But she believes her fragile works on parchment and canvas are a way of honouring the dead.

About the size of an average portrait, the abstract works are scattered with ashes and daubed with muted blotches of white, black and grey oil paint. Some have gold thread running through them.

"Very large formats are inappropriate. The paintings must be present but not omnipresent. And bright colours or figurative forms are in bad taste," said De Lucas.

"My canvasses symbolise people, represent them. They surround you like a dead person's favourite music or clothes ... they are just like mortuary relics, but taken out of their religious context," she said.

"It's the same thing for animal remains. People entrust you with a being dear to them. Without me, old people whose only friend was their pet would have no choice but to have their animal stuffed."

French ethnologist Louis-Vincent Thomas, who has written several books about death rituals, approves of her work.

"While controls on the disposal of corpses are very strict for obvious reasons of hygiene,

Is this art or just bad taste?

Human ashes on canvas



French artist Catherine de Lucas, sets human ashes onto pieces of canvas and parchment to keep the memory of the dead close to the living.

there are practically no legal restrictions on what you can do with a relative's ashes," he said.

He added he would not mind entrusting his remains to De Lucas, "except that I would like a painting with my ashes to look like an impressionist style painting, with pastel colours and water images like those used by Monet."

De Lucas plans to exhibit her work in Paris at the end of the year to an invited audience, but none of the paintings will be for sale.

"You can't sell your mother," she said.

She has used the ashes of about 10 people or pets in paintings so far, but says she has not accepted money. She began her work after the death of several close relatives.

Asked how much she would charge if the idea took off as a full-time business, she replied: "I've never thought in terms of prices so far. But my paintings would certainly be a rich person's way to go, costing more than the 8000 francs

(1,333 dollars) people spend on an ordinary, no-frills, cremation."

One picture can take months to complete.

"I hold off starting something if it doesn't feel right because ashes are not something you can spoil by a mistake," she said.

"First I talk with those close to the victim to extract a person's essence. Sometimes you have to wait months until you're ready — until, as it were, the ashes are cold."

Buying art from vending machines

By Joan Hanauer

NEW YORK (UPI): You can buy almost anything from a vending machine these days — even art.

No, Rembrandt never worked in the medium, but artist Ona Lindquist does, and so do the artists and others who contribute to her Objets Vend'art, a set of former ice cream dispensers that have been transformed to a higher cultural plane and given a new coat of white paint.

The first objet Vend'art machine appeared in an exhibition at the Thorpe Intermedia gallery at Sparkill, New York, in February 1985.

The machines currently can be found in New York at Quad cinema, the Tunnel, a trendy dance club, and will soon be at the Lone Star cafe.

Vend'art machines also are at the Club Rio in Atlanta, Forma in San Francisco, and RTW in Charleston, South Carolina.

The machines themselves are

A set of former ice cream dispensers have been given a new coat of white paint and transported to a higher cultural plane. You insert your money, and out comes a work of art!

1957-era vando ice cream dispensers, the kind with three doors. You used to insert your coins, push a button for a popsicle, creamsicle or ice cream sandwich and open the designated door.

Now the doors sport such intriguing titles as 'feel-o-mat,' 'Dada' and 'artist of the month.'

The price depends on where you are, from 75 cents to \$1.50, but once you insert your money you get art — small, non-traditional art.

"It is art for the masses, if you will," Lindquist said. "There are several ideas behind it. At first glance, it is a very beautiful machine that has a certain appeal to certain people as an object itself. It is a usable piece of machinery that dispenses art

work.

"Art normally is limited to a very specific group of people, but by vending it in public places you reach the public."

"It's like a cross between Joseph Cornell and the classic Wurlitzer jukebox, or maybe Marcel Duchamp with a slot machine."

For the uninitiated, Cornell produced shadow box sculpture of found objects while Duchamp was an avant-garde painter.

The titles on the doors offer the category of objects to be dispensed from them, and the titles change once a month.

A door labeled 'sin' dispensed sculptured foam objects with one name written on it. "Letters to Ollie" consisted of nine letters of outrage, address-

sed and ready to mail to Oliver North's lawyer, Brendan Sullivan. One consisted of shredded paper in an envelope. The 'dada' door offered a series of found objects.

Other offerings from Vend'art have included a miniature book, an original score that could be folded into a 3-d box, and from 'feel-o-mat,' a piece of rubber matting topped with bunny fur.

"I furnish about a third of the work coming out of the machines now and I've had 80 guest artists to date," Lindquist said. "It depends on the artist what comes out of the machine. Some of them are fine arts or commercial artists, but others are writers or musicians or gallerists."

Coming up is a new door labeled 'donation,' which will vend a picture of a homeless person and a message that the money spent will be donated to the homeless.

She said close to 25,000 objects have been dispensed in almost three years.

By Mary Ellen Bortin

MOSCOW. (Reuter): One of the outstanding figures of 20th century art, the late Marc Chagall, returned to Moscow to receive belated Soviet recognition as a Russian artist.

A retrospective exhibit of Chagall's work opened at the Pushkin museum to mark the 100th anniversary of the artist's birth in Vitebsk, the town which infused his paintings with their magical quality of symbolic fantasy.

Organised by Chagall's family and the Soviet Culture ministry, the exhibit displays 80 paintings and 200 graphics from Soviet museums and French and Soviet private collections including many never on public view here before.

Recent articles in the Soviet press testify to continuing sensitivity over Chagall, who left the country in 1922 after a first four-year stay in Paris on the eve of World War One.

One newspaper, referring to inconclusive plans to open a Chagall museum in Vitebsk, accused local officials of dragging their feet over the 100th anniversary jubilee.

The poet Andrei Voznesensky said the museum was to open in Chagall's boyhood home, which had been miraculously spared when Vitebsk was almost entirely razed during World War Two.

The weekly Ogonyok also mentioned the plans but

Soviets finally embrace Chagall as Russian artist

sources in artistic circles say nothing is settled to date.

Chagall, who died in his adoptive Southern French home of St-Paul-De-Vence in March 1985, refused to visit Vitebsk when he returned to the Soviet Union for a smaller exhibit of his work in 1973. The town lies just inside Soviet Byelorussia.

Volkov said it was not clear if Chagall spurned the pilgrimage because of residual resentment over his problems there as a youth, or because people discouraged him from going.

Chagall trained as an artist in Vitebsk and St Petersburg before going to Paris on a scholarship in 1910. The four years he spent in Montparnasse among avant-garde artists and poets set him on the road to international renown.

He returned to Vitebsk in 1914 on what was meant to be a brief visit, but the outbreak of war kept him from going back to Paris. After the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Chagall was named director of a new school of fine arts in his home town.

To mark the first anniversary of the revolution, Chagall mobilised the artists of Vitebsk to decorate the town. The state bought 12 of his works and he

was honoured with a room devoted to his paintings during a major Leningrad exhibit.

But the following year, after a serious clash with fellow avant-garde artist Kasimir Malevich, Chagall resigned his post over the protests of his students and left for Moscow.

Experimenting with cubism and other abstract techniques, he nonetheless retained the images of Vitebsk in the works he executed after his departure.

In his surrealist renderings, cows took flight, a fiddler performed on the roofs of ghetto homes, and Jewish rabbis, Russian orthodox church domes, floating lovers and circus acrobats all mingled in a joyous explosion of colour.

Appreciation

Chagall designed theatre sets and had paintings commissioned in Moscow before leaving definitively in 1922.

Official Soviet appreciation of his work faded, however, when realism was proclaimed the only correct form of art under Kremlin dictator Josef Stalin in the 1930s.

Chagall's works which had remained in the Soviet Union were banished to museum storerooms and stayed there

for decades.

An artist writing in Ogonyok said he had been able to familiarise himself with Chagall's style in the 1950s only because a progressive-minded teacher allowed him access to a book of reproductions in the library of a state institute.

To this day, only a few of Chagall's paintings hang in Soviet museums, and then only in rooms devoted to Western painting, reflecting continued ambivalence about abstract art.

At an artists' congress in Moscow last May, fierce clashes broke out over realism, with the head of the Russian artists' union assailing modern art as "soulless and hopeless."

But more liberal thinkers riposted by hailing Chagall and other major abstract artists as daring pioneers without whom 20th century culture would be inconceivable.

Ogonyok, likening Chagall to the 16th century venetian master Titian, said both had been bathed in glory during long lifetimes, receiving renown throughout Europe.

"There was a time when we forgot him. He was considered by us to be an avant-gardist and an emigrant."

Amputations may become a thing of the past

Knee transplant has great potential

PHILADELPHIA, (NYT): The first successful transplant of an entire human knee has been announced by the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

The complex operation was done to save the leg of a woman, aged 32, who had developed a potentially malignant tumour on her knee the size of a grapefruit.

Without the surgery, she faced the amputation of most of her right leg because the fast-growing tumour had destroyed bone and was encroaching on vital nerves and arteries.

Dr Richard Schmidt, the orthopaedic surgeon who performed the complex operation on September 30, said the procedure had the potential to save the legs of hundreds of patients each year. The knee, moreover, is the largest and most complex of the body's joints, and the technical advances that have made the surgery possible may also facilitate transplants of other joints.

Dr Schmidt said he expected the patient, Mrs Susan Lazarchick of Absecon, New Jersey, to regain close to normal use of the leg within two or three months. She should be able to walk without a cane or crutches, and be able to swim, ride a bicycle or dance at least slowly. But he said she should not try contact sports, or such heavy exertions as skiing.

The donor was an 18-year-old man who died in a motorcycle accident a week before the transplant operation. Dr Schmidt noted that the operation required the close co-operation of the bone bank operated by the university.

The surgeon said Mrs Lazarchick had few options, the most obvious of which was removal of most of her leg. As an alternative, an artificial substitute for the knee could have been produced, but there was not much time in which to fit this to her and, Dr Schmidt said, it would have been only a temporary expedient because the artificial joints typically are expected to last only several years. Or she could have had a rigid support, which would have left her with a permanently stiff leg.

Mrs. Nancy Tolin, an oncology nurse specialist who is co-ordinator of bone bank distribution, said the operation took about seven hours. The most difficult part was removal of the tumour, which had to be done with extreme care to avoid damaging vital nerves and arteries.

After removal of the tumour, the surgeon removed the patient's knee joint and replaced it with the donor's, including the adjoining bones,



Dr Richard Schmidt, the surgeon who performed the seven-hour operation.



Mrs Susan Lazarchick, the first person to have a successful knee transplant.

tendons and ligaments. When the new knee joint was installed, the surgeon had to re-attach a dozen ligaments and

tendons.

A metal rod was inserted in the femur to connect it to the transplant. A plate was attached

to the tibia, the larger lower leg bone, to secure it to the lower portion of the transplant bone structure.

The portion of bone transplanted was about 16 inches long. It included part of the femur, the top six inches of the tibia and the head of the fibula, the other bone of the lower leg. The transplant included the kneecap, the interior cartilage of the knee joint and the half dozen important ligaments that hold the bones of the joint together.

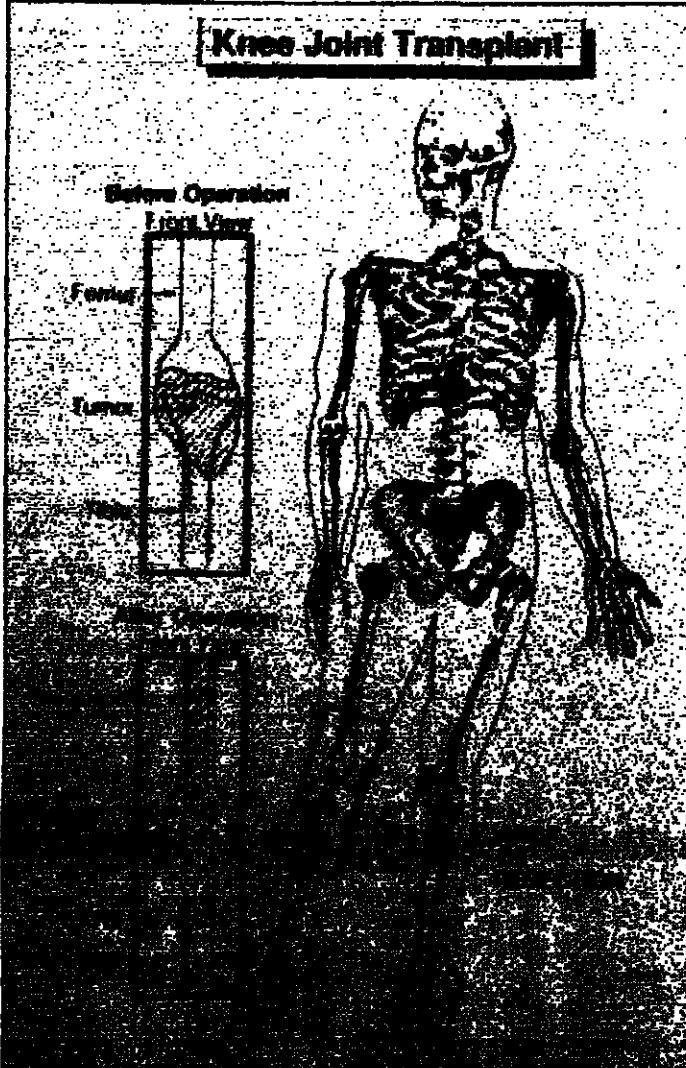
The size of the knee had to be an extremely close match.

The process of preparing the joint for a transplant made it impossible to save the synovial fluid, which cushions and lubricates the knee, Dr Schmidt said. The patient's body is expected to replace this fluid to some extent, but her knee will not be quite comparable to what it was before her operation.

Furthermore, the surgeon said, some of the nerves to the knee joint itself have been lost. For that reason, she will have to exercise care because she will not be able to count on pain to signal every excessive twist or turn.

In other transplants one of the serious problems is protection against rejection because the body's immune system attacks the transplant as foreign tissue. Although this can happen in transplants of bone, Dr Schmidt said, it is much less likely than in transplants of the other tissues.

After the knee was removed from the donor in September, it was stripped of all tissue other than the bones and the attached ligaments and was stored at the bone bank at minus 80 degrees centigrade.



The procedure developed by Dr Richard Schmidt of the University of Pennsylvania's orthopaedics department, involves the removal of six inches of bone on either side of the knee and its replacement by a donor knee-joint.

Unique do-it-yourself acupuncture instrument

Roll away the pain

The Dermapunktur, a wand covered with 560 silver plated pins, has worked miracles in relieving pain both of the day-to-day variety and larger more specific traumas, including partial paralysis.

By Gail Seery

MOST of us have the tendency to think that something which can give genuine relief from pain and suffering will necessarily be something stupendous, and impressive.

The Dermapunktur acupuncture roller couldn't appear less significant, yet it appears to work against a variety of ills, both of the day-to-day nagging pain variety, and larger, more specific traumas, up to and including partial paralysis. Talk of "rebirth" after this type of treatment sounds extreme, but this is the phrase that satisfied patients use again and again.

The manufacturers describe the roller wand as "a new way of relieving pain by an old method." They explain that the treatment is based on acupuncture, but it differs in that it need not be applied by a trained expert. Instead the treatment involves "roller massage", with a wand covered with 560 silver plated pins.

The most impressive clinical history concerns Herr Armin Antes of Ludwigshafen, a 48-year old lorry driver who sustained extensive injuries in a crash. These included skull and brain trauma, brain haemorrhage, contusion of the spinal cord, skull and face (upper and lower jaw) fractures, laceration of the skull, damage to cervical and lumbar vertebrae, right hand stiffening and cramped muscles. He could not turn his head to either side, or raise his left leg higher than 10 cm. In addition to this, he was suffering from depression, nightmares and insomnia, and had several times attempted suicide. He complained of constant headaches, and pain in his back and knee. He was receiving massive doses of pain killers and other drugs, just to keep the pain at bay.

Antes began treatment with a 40 minutes whole body dermapunktur massage, and afterwards reported that he had no headache, and that he had increased control over the affected parts of his body. After four massages in a two day period he was reporting that he had slept and was able to move his leg, and his hands and fingers.

His physician, Adel Doumit, who has been a pioneer in this field, wrote, "when I last examined the spinal column was perfectly mobile, and no tension of the paravertebral muscular system was to be noticed. The patient mentioned

no complaints, and his psychic condition was positive.

He had been free from pain since treatment with the Dermapunktur roller had commenced, and he assured me that he was having no other treatment besides. He was having his whole body massaged twice a day for 40 to 60 minutes.

Whilst this is clearly an extreme case, it does not seem to be unusual, and is supported by a large number of other case histories. The dermapunktur wand has also been used by the European 5000 metre long distance champion, Dr Thomas Wessinghage. He has used the wand on himself, but also in his work in the orthopaedic section of a Cologne hospital.

The technique was invented by Guenter Schweisfurth, who had been suffering agonizing pains in his back over a number of years. He observed the tools his wife was using in her dress-making work, and developed the wand, which he used to massage his back.

Massage is a familiar method of dealing with back pain, and most migraine sufferers will also be aware that one of the few effective sources of relief for their complaint is a massage of the neck and upper back. One of the nice things about the development is that it is absolutely harmless, with no possible side effects, and yet is something effective which can be used at home. It works by speeding up the blood flow to the massaged area, and thereby quickening up the removal of metabolic wastes.

The product is being brought to Kuwait by consultant Doris Maria Freinstein, who first heard of it from a friend and has since successfully used the product to treat a number of her own minor ailments. Freinstein has a medical background, and is in any case extensively interested in what she terms "natural medicine". She told the Arab Times that she felt this was a product which needed little marketing.

"The results speak for themselves," she explained. Nor is Freinstein interested in cutting corners in introducing these massage wands to the public. Although she was told she did not need to have medical approval to sell this type of item, she has arranged for the product to be tested at the Al Sabah and Sulabikhat hospitals. She has held two seminars for 25 doctors, and the samples are currently under test — she expects approval in 4 to 6 weeks.

The success of the roller has been such that an eminent and



Dr Thomas Wessinghage, the European 5000 metre long distance champion is a user of the wand.



Armin Antes, a 48-year-old lorry driver who sustained multiple injuries in a crash, has made remarkable progress with the Dermapunktur.

world surgeon is about to start treatment for rheumatism in his fingers which has effectively stopped his career.

The wands are also being used by sports physicians and pain therapists all over the world, and Freinstein has been introducing it to local health and sports associations. "When they saw it they could not believe such a little thing could do so much," she said.

In all the wands seem to have four main areas of use: pain therapy, sports type therapy, medical therapy, and also health and beauty treatment. It has been used successfully in the treatment of cellulitis, and helps to firm the skin. All these applications are based on the principle of over warming the skin.

Freinstein is completely committed to the product. I would never deal with anything I could not stand up for," she avowed.

At the end of the period of testing, she expects the dermapunktur wands to be available through pharmacies, health and sports clubs and fitness centres. Another bonus is that people who are dependent on medication for the avoidance of pain, could give it up, benefiting themselves and reducing spending on drugs. Length of treatment varies, with a 6 week maximum, but usually the user experiences positive results after only two weeks of use.

Further details of this product can be obtained from Doris Maria Freinstein, on 5639061.

Post-polio syndrome is still a puzzler

By Charles S. Taylor

WARM SPRINGS, Georgia, (UPI): The mystery of why thousands of ex-polio patients are experiencing a recurrence of their symptoms 30 years after the great poliomyelitis epidemics of the 1950s remains unsolved, but there is some new knowledge about the syndrome, a rehabilitation expert said.

The new knowledge is mostly about what the syndrome is not, rather than what it may be, although the very exercise prescribed to keep polio victims active is believed to be a contributor.

Also, there still is no agreement on exactly what symptoms constitute the "late effects" of polio, said Dr Paul E. Peach, medical director of the Roosevelt warm springs institute for rehabilitation. "It is a diagnosis of exclusion," Peach said.

In a paper he has written on the subject Peach said the late effects of polio are not the result of a new polio virus infection or the reactivation of the original infection.

This "most disturbing theory" was proposed in 1984 when the plight of the polio victims, who were having new symptoms, first gained widespread attention, said Peach. Subsequent research laid it to rest.

Also, the onset of pain, muscle weakness and fatigue experienced by an estimated 75,000 of 300,000 polio victims is not a manifestation of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), Peach said.

ALS is a progressive, non-infectious often fatal disease of the nervous system affecting the same cells involved in polio.

"Comparison of the symptoms, their rate of progression, the clinical outcome and other studies indicate that ALS and the late effects of polio are quite separate entities," Peach said.

Investigators also have discovered that there is nothing new about the late effects of polio. The first cases were seen more than 100 years ago, in 1875, when three patients were reported in French medical literature.

The Roosevelt Warm Springs institute, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt came to swim and exercise his polio-crippled limbs, was the scene of two research symposiums on the late effects of polio in 1984 and 1986.

Some of the common symptoms of the post-polio syndrome are decreasing endurance, fatigue, new muscle weakness, sometimes in both affected and formerly unaffected muscles, muscle and joint pain, fasciculations (muscle jumping), breathing difficulties and sleep disturbances. These symptoms occur, Peach said, "an average of 30 years after recovery from the acute polio attack."

Peach said a majority of medical and research specialists now feel the symptoms may be caused by muscle overuse — such as that produced by exercise.

In treating people suffering from renewed polio symptoms, Peach said, "both the person and his or her lifestyle must be closely evaluated in determining the factors that are causing new fatigue, muscle and joint pain and other problems. Very often, though, these symptoms can be controlled by appropriate lifestyle modifications."

How often are pap smears needed?

By Gayle Young

NEW YORK: Since pap smears became routine in the United States in the 1940s, the number of women who die from cervical and related cancers has declined steadily by 70 per cent.

But health officials are still trying to determine how often the cancer screening test should be performed.

The American Cancer Society recommended women have the test every two years in a row and then every three years if their results were normal. Recently, the organization revised its guidelines and suggested that after a woman has three annual pap smears that are normal, it is up to her doctor to decide how often to perform the test.

"A woman who is at high risk for cervical cancer would need to have it performed more often than a woman who has no known risks," said Dr Robert V.P. Hutter, chairman of the society's committee on cancer prevention. "A 45-year-old prostitute is at higher risk than a woman who has had a hysterectomy for unrelated causes."

The society estimates 13,000

Cancer of the cervix can be treated if diagnosed early but doctors and health experts are divided as to when and how often women should have a pap smear test.

women will get cervical cancer this year and 6,800 will die from it. The 15 to 20 per cent of American women who do not have regular pap smears account for the majority of those who die.

In a pap smear, a small sample of cells is swabbed off the cervix and lining of the uterus then examined under a microscope. A trained technician or physician can detect abnormal changes in cells that may be precursors to cervical cancer.

It may take 20 years from the earliest cellular changes to full-blown cancer, Hutter said. But he said the average is about 10 years. It is estimated only 5 per cent of cervical cancers develop rapidly.

Because of that, only 2 per cent of early cervical cancers will be missed if women have pap smears every two years instead of annually and 5 per cent will be missed if women have them every three years.

Hutter said some government agencies recommend less

frequent pap smears out of a desire to get the most from the limited amount of money available for preventive health care.

Doctors interviewed said women who can afford annual examinations with a private doctor may opt to have annual pap smears to be absolutely safe. But public health facilities may perform the exams less frequently on women who are not at risk because the chances of missing an early cancer is not worth the cost of the procedure.

Dr Diane Fink, a Cancer Society spokeswoman, said women who start engaging in sex at an early age or who have had multiple sexual partners are at higher risk for cervical cancer than women who lose their virginity late in life and have monogamous relationships.

She said doctors are not positive why women with multiple partners are at risk, but an increasing body of evidence suggests that a virus may cause

the cancer. The virus, a human papilloma virus, is sexually transmitted, which would suggest women with a number of partners may increase their chance of coming in contact with it.

Although there is no proof, researchers have also suggested the virus causes more damage in young women, which would explain why early onset of sex increases a woman's chances of getting the cancer.

Fink said cigarette smoke also appears to be a risk factor in cervical cancer, although the reasons are also not clear.

Hutter said that when the test detects abnormal cells on the cervix, there are a number of procedures that can take care of the problem. He said cryosurgery, the use of liquid nitrogen to slough off the layer of cells from the cervix, is becoming increasingly popular.

Health groups like the National Cancer Institute, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other health organizations almost all recommend a woman have her first pap smear when she becomes sexually active or when she reaches age 18.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



ESKIMOS have fewer heart problems than the rest of us. The Japanese, despite their risky lifestyle — they smoke more cigarettes than anyone else in the developed world — also rank very low in the heart disease league table. Do they know something we don't? The answer seems to be qualified "yes".

Researchers believe that an important factor in the apparent ability of these groups to escape cardiac problems is that they eat a lot of fish. The hypothesis is that certain constituents of fish oils are good for us.

The odd thing about the Eskimos at first glance is that their diet is extremely high in fat and

Long life on ice

cholesterol, both recognised as high-risk factors in coronary heart disease. But there may be a counterbalance. In the early 1970s, two Danish researchers and a British medical scientist, Dr Hugh Sinclair, visited remote Eskimo settlements in Greenland. Their studies suggest that the Eskimos' good cardiac health record may be due to consuming plenty of the right sort of fats, the so-called polyunsaturated fats found in

fish oil. The principal polyunsaturates concerned, eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid, are plentiful in oily fish such as salmon, herring and mackerel, but exist only in small amounts in white fish such as cod, haddock and plaice.

Other fish-eating societies, like the Japanese, lend some weight to the idea that fish may be an important health factor. Some doctors worry that the value of fish oils will be overestimated. There is no cure-all for heart disease, they say, and concentrating on the big cardiac-risk factors like smoking is the most important thing people can do.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: How do they use sound waves to check babies before they are born?

ANSWER: Ultrasound, the use of high-pitched sound waves, works on the same principle as sonar, which uses sound waves to look for submarines. The sound waves emitted pass through water, but are reflected back from bone and tissue. Because an unborn baby is surrounded by a sac of water, the waves bouncing back show the baby.

Using sound waves to "see" the baby is an extremely safe procedure, far safer than taking an X-ray. However, ultrasound is not done routinely on all pregnant women because it is an added cost and because many obstetricians feel it is not needed for all pregnancies.

Ultrasound is widely used to check on the size of a fetus and can detect certain circumstances when normal progress is not occurring. Obstetricians frequently use this technique to check on a baby's size or to look for twins. Using specialised ultrasound equipment, obstetricians can measure blood flow in the umbilical cord and also can detect serious problems in the fetus and placenta.

ULTRASOUND USES SOUND WAVES TO CHECK ON FETUS

QUESTION: Is it possible to have a normal blood pressure even though it is high every time my doctor takes it?

ANSWER: Yes, some people's blood pressure goes up only in their doctor's offices. For some people, doctors make them nervous enough to boost their pressure to the point where, on the basis of the high readings, their health is in danger. These high readings may result in a doctor prescribing unnecessary amounts of blood pressure medication. A high reading done in the doctor's office shouldn't be ignored, however.

The trick is to find out whether your blood pressure goes down outside of the office. A recent study has shown that blood pressure readings taken at home may be more reliable than office readings. A better way to measure blood pressure is a 24-hour ambulatory reading. For this, you would wear a blood pressure cuff under your clothes that's attached to a small device that takes your pressure periodically during the day, when you are away from the anxiety the visit to the doctor may provoke.

QUESTION: I've got pimples all over my

chest. Could this be acne?

ANSWER: Acne can cause pimples on the chest and back as well as the face. Teen-aged boys suffer especially from acne "pimples" in that location. But there are other skin conditions or infections — and some medications — that can cause skin outbreaks on the chest.

The best way to find out what you have is to see your doctor. He or she will look closely at your pimples. Acne pimples are primarily blackheads (or comedones in medical terms). If your outbreak is small whiteheads (pustules) or reddened bumps (papules), you might have folliculitis, or an infection of the hair follicles, or prickly heat. However, either of these usually occur on the chest.

Your condition could be a skin infection, and your doctor will check for this by seeing if there are bacteria in the pustules. It sounds like this problem is bothering you, so having it checked out to find the real causes is probably my best advice to you.

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Oapec tribunal adjourns pipeline case

A CASE brought by Iraq against Syria for its 1982 closure of an Iraqi oil pipeline has been adjourned until next April by a judicial tribunal of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec).

The Kuwait news agency Kuna said Iraqi and Syrian lawyers presented their positions at a hearing yesterday.

Syria shut the pipeline, which links Iraq's Kirkuk oilfields with the Mediterranean port of Banias, after political relations between the rival socialist states soured.

Iraq claims the closure violated a 1979 contract under which it agreed to pay Syria a transit fee in exchange for the transport of 10 million tons of crude oil annually through the pipeline.

Jurisdiction

The president of Syria's Supreme Constitutional Court, Nasrat Haidar, told the tribunal the matter was a political one outside its jurisdiction.

"The halt in passage of Iraqi oil through Syrian territory is a temporary step until the end of political conflicts between the two countries," Kuna quoted him as saying.

The pipeline closure prompted Iraq to build new pipelines through Turkey and Saudi Arabia to export its oil after its main Gulf terminal was shut by the Iran-Iraq war.

Haidar said he hoped the case would be dropped soon, adding "the prevailing political winds between the two countries suggest this."

Syria and Iraq improved relations following a meeting last month between their two presidents during the Amman Arab summit.

The tribunal was formed in 1981 to adjudicate disputes between Oapec members—Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

Irrigation project to provide 1.6m jobs

ANKARA, Dec 20, (Reuters): A project to irrigate large swathes of southeastern Turkey and generate electricity will provide up to 1.6 million jobs when completed in the early 1990s, a university study said.

The Great Anatolian Project, based on the Ataturk dam across the Euphrates River, will irrigate areas north of the Syrian border and provide up to a fifth of Turkey's electricity needs.

A study prepared by Cukurova University in the southern city of Adana said the project would create jobs mainly in the technical and agricultural fields.

It would also help to develop the southeast, scene of a Kurdish rebel insurgency which has claimed more than 800 lives since mid-1984.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal gave assurances in Damascus in July on the amounts of water Syria would receive from the Euphrates when the dam was built. Syria had sought guarantees that water flows across the border would not be affected.

Italy hopes to cut its lira down to size

ROME, Dec 20, (Reuters): Italy hopes to cut its currency down to size next year and banish some of the multiple noughts which mean that an average salary is around one million lira (\$833) a month.

Treasury Minister Giuliano Amato said today that in 1988 the government would try once again to bring in a new lira worth 1,000 times more than the existing currency.

He said on Italian radio that he hoped economic conditions would be right for the move.

The government approved draft laws for the new lira last year, hoping to boost the Italian economy as well as the currency's image.

The draft expired before reaching parliament because the legislature was dissolved early and national elections were called because of a long-running political crisis.

The lira's multiple noughts are a headache for accountants, frequently over-running the capacity of calculators.

Prime Minister Giovanni Goria was one of the key backers of the new lira last time it was proposed. He was Treasury minister at the time.

Delegation explores potential investment opportunities

KIIC seeks to boost trade with Portugal

THE Chairman of Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC) Jassim Al Bahar has announced that the company will be a founding shareholder of a new investment company in Portugal, EFISA. Other founding shareholders include the British merchant banking group, S.G. Warburg, and the Sonae Group, one of the leading Portuguese conglomerates. The head office of the proposed company will be in Oporto, northern Portugal, with an office in Lisbon. The company will be involved in financial services and products, dealing in Portuguese and foreign financial markets.

This development follows a visit of a KIIC delegation to the UK and Portugal last month to

explore potential investment opportunities in Portugal. The delegation was headed by the chairman and included Fuad Al Shehab, Assistant General Manager for Investment, and Dr. Imad Moosa, Economic Research Manager.

The delegation met the Chairman of Warburg, Sir David Scholey in London to discuss matters related to the proposed company. It is noteworthy that Warburg is a leading British merchant bank, with total assets of £12.5 billion and a profit of £76.8 million in the six months ending in September.

In Portugal, the delegation visited a number of projects as well as financial groups and government institutions. The

team also met Portuguese Minister of Industry Luis Amaral, the Deputy Minister Antonio De Sousa, the Vice-Governor of the Central Bank Dr. Walter Marques, as well as officials in the Foreign Investment Institute, including the Director Mrs. Maria Da Silva and the Board Member Dr. Manuel De Dousa. They discussed economic and legal aspects of investing in Portugal. The delegation also met a number of leading business and financial officials for the same purpose.

Profits

A meeting was held with the president of the Sonae Group, Belmiro Azavedo, to discuss the formalities of establishing the

new investment company. The Sonae Group, which is the majority shareholder in the new company, is the largest private company in Portugal. In the latest financial year this group recorded a total profit of \$120 million.

In a new strategic move, Portugal has been identified by KIIC as an attractive investment outlet. This is because the Portuguese economy is moving through different cycles from those of the major industrial countries.

Since 1985, Portugal has achieved higher economic growth rates than other industrial countries, and it is expected that the Portuguese economy will grow at 4-5 per cent next year.

The deficit in the current account has turned into surplus, and the inflation rate has declined from 30 per cent to 9 per cent, while the unemployment rate has been reduced from 10.9 per cent to 6.6 per cent. Portugal also offers a comparative advantage emanating from the low level of wages.

KIIC seeks, through its participation in the new investment company, to have a better understanding of the Portuguese markets, and open new investment opportunities in Portugal through the establishment of real estate and securities funds in the near future. This pioneering move will, hopefully, make KIIC a link between Portugal on the one side, and Kuwait and the Gulf on the other.

Japanese using their extra cash to snap up prime properties

Cheap dollar attracts foreign investment in US

WASHINGTON, Dec 20, (Reuters): Washington is falling into foreign hands as the cheap dollar makes it possible for overseas investors to invade the real estate market and snap up commercial properties at bargain prices.

Foreign investors now own about 25 per cent of the 53 million square feet (4.7 million square metres) of the office space in America's capital.

Economists expect that to rise.

"In the last few years since the dollar has dropped, these properties have become a lot more attractive," said John Tuccillo, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

Foreigners also believe they can earn higher returns on US

properties than on investments at home, he said.

Washington is not alone in attracting foreign money. A study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said US cities on both coasts were attracting overseas buyers and that foreigners owned about 53 per cent of Los Angeles' office space. But the trend seems to be unique to coastal cities.

"You're not going to see any noticeable presence in the heartland," Tuccillo told Reuters.

European investors are the largest holders of Washington real estate, but the Japanese presence has grown substantially in the past three years, the MIS study said.

The British, Dutch, Canadians, Germans and Saudis all hold investment in Washington

and the Japanese are using their extra cash to snap up prime properties, it said.

Most of the foreign investment in Washington and Los Angeles is concentrated in city centres. The study said foreigners felt more comfortable with investments in the downtown business district than in the suburbs.

Tuccillo and other economists say the US trade deficit tends to encourage foreigners to buy up American real estate because they need some place to put their extra dollars.

Ownership

"We are running a \$150 billion a year trade deficit those bucks have got to go somewhere and the best place to spend dollars is the United States," Tuccillo said. "Clearly the percentage of ownership by foreigners in US

real estate in certain cities has got to go up."

The US Realtors (real estate agents) Association says foreign investors may spend as much as \$10 billion on US commercial real estate in 1988.

Realtors are pleased that foreign investment is sustaining a market glutted by an excess of office space, but some local tenants are unhappy about the trend.

"Given a tightening of the space market, commercial rents will rise quickly to gouge or drive out many Americans who have a need and right to interact with their government here in this city," consumer activist Ralph Nader complained in a letter to President Reagan.

The corporate law firms and trade associations that occupy

much of central Washington's office space can pass on the added costs to their clients. The non-profit organisations that may champion causes for the poor, farmers, taxpayers or consumers will be unable to do so, Nader said.

Those groups "have a stake in not being driven away by the sale of Washington, DC in order to make profits for foreign currency-driven companies," he said.

"It is one matter to permit heavy foreign real estate investment in locations such as Hawaii or Los Angeles. It is quite another matter to reign passively while the nation's capital becomes foreign-owned," he added.

The White House has not responded to the letter, Nader told Reuters.

G-7 ready to issue currency statement

TOKYO, Dec 20, (Reuters): The Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations are ready to issue a statement reaffirming a need for economic coordination to stabilise currencies, Japanese government sources said today.

The statement is expected to be made as soon as the US Congress passes legislation on cutting the US federal budget deficit, they said.

The G-7 had planned to issue the statement this weekend, but a delay in Congress action meant it would probably be issued sometime this week instead, the sources said.

Congressional efforts to pass bills to cut the US budget deficit have been bogged down in a fight over aid to Nicaraguan rebels

which President Ronald Reagan has said must be approved to state of his veto.

Although the White House and congressional leaders yesterday reached a tentative pact on giving more money to the rebels, congress will not finish work before tomorrow on a package of bills to cut the budget deficit, US officials said.

Stable

The Japanese government sources declined to comment on details of the planned G-7 statement, but said it would attempt to reassure the market of G-7's commitment to currency stability.

The currency markets have become increasingly sceptical of

the credibility of last February's G-7 Louvre accord as they think the United States has remained reluctant to stem the dollar's decline in order to keep interest rates low.

At Louvre, the G-7 agreed on a need for stable exchange rates and for joint action to cut trade imbalances.

For the past few weeks, the US dollar has looked increasingly bearish as the market has reacted to the slow progress in Washington towards cutting the deficit.

The dollar plunged to another postwar record low of 125.55 yen in Tokyo on Friday, making Japanese policymakers concerned about adverse effects of a higher yen on the economy, the sources said.

South Korea threatens action against EEC plan

SEOUL, South Korea, Dec 20, (AP): The government threatened today to withdraw its earlier promise to protect European copyrights and computer programming if the European Economic Community suspends tariff benefits for South Korea.

News reports said the EEC would exclude South Korea from the Community's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) in retaliation for Seoul's refusal to give EEC exporters the same protection against counterfeiting as their US competitors.

Korean officials quoted Trade and Industry Minister Rha Woong-Bae as saying the government would "consider withdrawing its earlier pledge to retroactively protect European copyrights and computer programming" if the EEC suspends its GSP benefits for Korea.

The GSP lowers or waives duties on imports from developing countries, and the proposed EEC suspension of the tariff benefits would cost South Korea about \$60 million annually in higher customs duties.

Rha also said the proposed EEC action "threatens to hurt the friendly trade relations between the EEC and Korea." He charged that the Community was trying to use the GSP to put pressure on Korea in negotiations over the issue of intellectual property rights.

Austrian oil imports on the rise

VIENNA, Dec 20, (Opecna): During the first three quarters of this year Austrian oil imports increased to over 4.95 million tonnes from 4.54 million tonnes in the same period of 1986, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Despite a decline in the volume, Opec oil accounted for the bulk of Austria's crude imports, covering more than 67 per cent.

Among the Opec countries, Libya was Austria's largest oil supplier with more than 1.45 million tonnes, followed by Iraq (0.51 million), Algeria (0.45 million), Nigeria (0.35 million), Iran (0.29 million) and Saudi Arabia (0.25 million).

Mozambique expects 6pc growth

MAPUTO, Dec 20, (Reuters): Mozambique, wracked by prolonged civil war but now emerging from economic collapse with aid of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) recovery plan, says it will achieve six per cent growth next year.

Prime Minister Mario Machungo said on Friday growth was four or five per cent in 1987—higher than forecast.

Machungo told parliament the first year of Mozambique's three-year recovery programme had been a success but said the country's problems were far from resolved.

"When you compare our exports of \$105 million with our imports of \$752 million, the con-

clusion we can draw is that our economy is in very bad shape," he said in this 1988 budget speech.

Mozambique, which joined the IMF in 1984, agreed in May to sweeping changes in economic policy, including two massive devaluations, a cut in the budget deficit, tight controls on credit and subsidies and stiff price rises.

The aim was to reverse a catastrophic economic slide in which Gross National Product fell by 11 per cent a year from 1981 to 1985.

The plan opened the way for a 20-year rescheduling of \$80 million of Mozambique's debts by the Paris Club and to increased aid commitments by

donor nations to cover essential imports.

IMF studies estimate that Mozambique will continue to need external aid of around \$1 billion a year until well into the 1990s.

Exports of cotton, sugar, cashews, tea and other commodities are running at less than half the level of the early 1980s and are unlikely to recover fully until an 11-year war waged by right-wing rebels is ended.

The IMF estimates that Mozambique's debt repayments are more than double its earnings from exports and services. By 1991 the debt service ratio will fall slightly but will still be 135 per cent.

Fed chief opposes a gold standard in any form

Greenspan upbeat on US trade deficit outlook

WASHINGTON, Dec 20, (Reuters): Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan yesterday called the record US trade deficit for October a fluke and said next year's trade figures would improve due to the dollar's decline.

"The October figure was an aberration. I expect to see that reversed," he told members of the House of Representatives Banking Committee.

The \$17.6-billion October trade deficit announced last week was the highest recorded for any month and helped to push the dollar to post-war lows against other currencies.

But Greenspan said industrial production and factory employment were improving and signalled stronger US exports and lower trade deficits beginning in 1988.

The effect of the dollar's decline, which has made US goods more competitive, has become visible in the shift in trade volume beginning last summer, he said.

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has declined, although the monthly trade figures, given in trade volume beginning last summer, he said.

The volume of exports has increased while that of imports has declined, although the monthly trade figures, given in current dollars, do not reflect the change.

Turning to the budget deficit, Greenspan warned that a last-minute hitch in congressional efforts to cut the deficit would undermine the fragile confidence that policymakers were serious about solving the nation's biggest economic problem.

"If this process fails, I would be concerned that it would eliminate the perception that finally we are coming to grips with this issue," Greenspan said.

He referred to the budget summit after the stock market crash in which President Reagan and congressional leaders agreed on a \$76-billion budget deficit reduction over the next two years.

America's trading partners, particularly West Germany and Japan, responded to the US budget deal with significant actions

of their own to coordinate economic policies, Greenspan said.

Greenspan testified on behalf of a proposal by Treasury Secretary James Baker to use an index based on commodity prices, including gold prices, to help the industrial allies to coordinate policies.

Greenspan told Congress he opposes a gold standard in any form and voiced skepticism about giving the metal a greater role in economic policy coordination.

Greenspan told a congressional banking subcommittee he generally supported a proposal by Baker that gold prices, along with a basket of other raw materials, be more closely monitored by industrial nations.

Limits

But he cautioned that there were limits to what such a surveillance could be expected to provide to economic policy makers in the way of help.

"In particular, we should avoid any automatic policy response to movements in commodity prices," Greenspan told the House of Representatives subcommittee on international

finance.

"Gold is relevant and useful... as an indicator of a flight from currency," the chief of the United States' central bank said. "However, we must be careful not to interpret every change in the price of gold as meaning that."

For instance, he said recent increases in the dollar price of gold "simply reflects the dollar's decline" and should not be read as a sign that investors are fleeing from currencies and putting their resources into precious metals.

Prices

He said the Fed already monitors commodity prices, including gold. "We would be foolish to ignore information, such as is contained in commodity prices, that could help us," he said.

As for returning to a gold standard, abandoned internationally in 1971, Greenspan testified: "There are too many practical problems associated with restoration of a gold standard, not the least of which is the huge block of outstanding dollar claims in world financial markets today to make this a useful avenue of development."

World Business Summary

Seagram takeover bid for Martell faces problems

PARIS, Dec 20, (Reuters): A bid by the giant Canadian drinks conglomerate Seagram to buy control of Martell, one of France's oldest family-run Cognac houses, looks increasingly likely to run into legal problems, share analysts say. A British rival, Grand Metropolitan, says Seagram's bid floats the spirit if not the letter of French takeover law, and has charged that the sale by the Firino-Martell family of 43 per cent of the company stock to Seagram last Wednesday was illegal. The London-based hotel and drinks group Grand Metropolitan, which holds 19.9 per cent of Martell, predicted the proposed corporate cocktail would go sour "in that it seems to have been concluded without respect for share-trading regulations."

Share analysts said the French government, which must approve Seagram's offer, could block the takeover because most shareholders were not consulted. But Seagram and Martell, which could ask the European Economic Community (EEC) to overrule Paris, were already celebrating.

"We will be joining two family firms which have a long tradition of quality and a leading position in spirits," Seagram President Edgar Bronfman said in a joint statement with Martell.

"We want to associate Martell with the great brands already held by Seagram, including Perrier-Jouet (champagne), Chivas Regal (whisky), Glenlivet (whisky) and Sandeman (cherry and port)." Martell chairman Rene Firino-Martell also extolled common family tradition in the statement.

Seagram gained a majority in Martell by buying a 10 per cent stake in the open market earlier this month through its French champagne subsidiary Mumm EA Cie. It then secured a pledge for the Martell family's 43 per cent block of shares. "We surrounded ourselves with a maximum of guarantees. The procedure we have selected is provided for in the law. In theory, I am confident," Rene Firino-Martell told Reuters.

But Grand Metropolitan said through its French adviser Credit Commercial De France (CCF) that it was looking for ways of topping the Canadian offer "according to market procedures."

Market rules, CCF said, allow all shareholders, not just family founders, to benefit from the best price for holdings.

Iran to expand trade relations with India

NEW DELHI, Dec 20, (Kuna): A high level Iranian industrial delegation, led by Minister for Heavy Industry Behzad Nabavi today had detailed discussions with his Indian counterpart J. Vengala Rao and senior officials on industrial and economic cooperation between the two countries. The Industry Minister, J. Vengala Rao, expressed the hope that the discussions would not only consolidate existing economic relations but would open up new vistas for cooperation in the heavy industry sector. The area focussed by the different groups of the delegation relate to automobiles, power engines, bicycles, motor cycles, gear box axles and shock absorbers, machine tools, equipment manufacturing and foundry and forgings. The Iranian delegation will also visit various industrial establishments, both in the public and private sectors in Bombay, Pune and Bangalore.

There will be four working groups which will go into details for conclusion of agreements, namely, manpower and engineering cooperation, education, research and manpower, industrial transactions and coordination.

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Oil exporters try to keep \$18

Opec is at a crossroads

LONDON, Dec 20, (Reuters): Opec is at a crossroads. The next few weeks will determine whether it can convince a sceptical world oil market that it can keep charging \$18 for a barrel of oil, senior Opec sources say.

The sources say they believe that the group has the cohesion to stick to the letter of a market-shift price and production pact hammered out in Vienna last week to maintain its \$18 reference price for the first half of next year.

Eroded
But oil traders say that unless the group ends the price discounting and overproduction that have eroded the group's control of the market, prices could tumble to less than \$12 a barrel in a re-run of the 1985-86 market collapse. "We are all serious" one senior Opec source said. "But let's see how member states behave. The next three weeks will be crucial."

He and other senior figures in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries fear that the group may have to call an emergency meeting in February or March if prices continue the tail-spin that followed the

Vienna accord. The next scheduled meeting is in June.

Free market prices plunged under \$15 a barrel last week because traders think the group will pump well over the agreed 15.06 million barrels per day (bpd) ceiling, and some might offer discounts from the official benchmark price.

Iraq refused to be party to the Vienna pact and has rejected every quota offered it since mid-1986, when Iran and Saudi Arabia forged a new output agreement to drain the surplus from world oil markets and boost prices.

Iraq demands a quota equal to Iran's 2.369 million bpd and is pumping close to 2.5 million bpd, way above the 1.54 million bpd quota it rejects. This kind of disregard for quotas led to the 1985-86 oil price collapse.

Opec sources say the root of Opec's problems is the Iran-Iraq war, with Gulf states seeking to isolate Iran and minimise its influence in the organisation.

By their account, Gulf states sought at the Vienna meeting to give Iraq the quota parity it demanded and reach a 12-state agreement, with Iran refusing to

sign. They reasoned that because Iran needs cash to finance its war with Iraq, it would not flood the market with crude and depress prices, even if it could, given Iraqi attacks on Iranian oil installations.

Failed
But they failed. Opec's moderate bloc, which includes members from Latin America, Asia and Africa, rejected Iraq's attempt to effectively accord itself the quota it wanted, the Opec sources say.

This bloc is now angry at Gulf states and is waiting to see whether they will adhere to their quotas and the Opec-mandated price or will continue behave. In the words of one senior source, as another organisation within Opec.

Some Opec figures fear that Gulf states might be more concerned about isolating Iran than defending the oil prices.

Biggest
They reason that Gulf states have the biggest oil reserves and healthiest economies in Opec and could afford to ride out a price collapse if it meant emptying

Iran's war chest. Several Gulf states, notably the UAE, have produced massively above quota, undermining the united front the group says it wants to present to the world oil market.

To counter this, Opec President Riwanu Lukman has proposed that a Dutch company be used to monitor output, instead of relying on the often inaccurate output figures member states sent to the Vienna headquarters.

Senior Opec sources say all member states have agreed to this, but whether or not the firm is allowed to carry out its work in the Gulf remains to be seen.

Boost
Independent verification that Opec was producing at its ceiling would give prices a sharp boost, but any refusal by a member state to allow the auditors to carry out their work would be disastrous, Opec sources say.

The group is supposed to start work next month, producing figures every two months, Opec sources say. But traders and analysts will have conjured their own figures on Opec output in the first half of January.

KD deposit rates hit new record lows

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates hit new 1987 record lows yesterday as monthly salary payments flooded an already liquid market.

Dealers said the Central Bank bid for funds to absorb some of the excess, paying 2-3/4 and 2-7/8 per cent for the one-month, 3-1/2 per cent for the two-month and four per cent for three-month.

High liquidity has been caused by maturing Central Bank bills and insufficient issues of new treasury bills and bonds designed to finance the state budget deficit.

Lowest
One-month interbank funds traded at 2-7/8 per cent, which dealers said was one of the lowest levels ever. They later firmed, with business at 3-1/2 per cent and quotes at four, 3-1/2 per cent.

Overnight opened at Saturday's six, five per cent but was later offered at four per cent with no bids. Tomorrow-next and spot-next dealt at two per cent and were quoted at 2-1/2, 1-1/2 per cent from Saturday's 3-1/2, 2-1/2 per cent.

There was little or no activity in the longer fixed dates, with three-month quoted at five, four per cent, six-month at 5-5/8, 1/8 per cent and one-year at six, 5-1/2 per cent.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate was unchanged as usual on Sundays at 0.27308/42 to the dollar. The spot dinar traded around 0.27340/50.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits traded barely changed in a very quiet market on Saturday, with liquidity high and many banks winding down operations for the year end.

Traders said Saturday's offer by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) of 1.5 billion riyals in bankers security deposit accounts appeared to have attracted little interest and failed to drain excess cash from the system.

The 30-day offering had a yield of just 3.8 per cent, below interbank rates of about 4-1/8 to 3-7/8 per cent. Some bankers said the issue appeared to have been heavily undersubscribed.

There was little movement in one-month rates yesterday, with dealers quoting an unchanged 4-1/8, 3-7/8 per cent spread.

Bangladesh resumes oil production

DHAKA, Dec 20, (Reuters): Bangladesh's only oil field resumed production after a three-month break caused by an explosion but still faces storage and processing problems, oil company officials said.

The Haripur field in the north-eastern district of Sylhet started pumping 300 barrels of crude a day last week, Oil and Gas Corporation officials told reporters yesterday.

They said the explosion, which destroyed one of five storage tanks containing 1,200 barrels of crude was probably caused by a cigarette.

The field, discovered in December 1986, could eventually produce 600 barrels per day of waxy crude, the officials said.

Foreign Currency Selling Rates

Kuwait-India Int'l Exchange Co.	
Tel 2422699-2422733	2422788-3917353
Indian rupees	21.240
Sri Lankan rupees	09.030
US dollars	273.800
Pound sterling	500.250
UAE dirhams	74.650
Deutsche marks	168.100
Japanese yen	02.165

Indian Exchange Corporation W.L.L.	
Tel 2463810-2463812	Fahahel 3923024-3918087
Farwanya 4739655	
US dollars	273.880
Sterling	500.250
Swiss francs	208.530
Indian rupees	21.240
Sri Lankan rupees	9.030
Singapore dollars	137.750

Canara Exchange	
Tel 2468462/3	2437295-2437300
Indian rupees	21.240
Sri Lankan rupees	9.030
US dollars	273.800
Pound sterling	500.000
UAE dirhams	70.700
Philippine pesos	13.600

Kuwait Western Exchange Co.	
Tel 2468165/166/167	5744157-5757163
Indian rupees	21.280
Sterling	503.000
US dollars	273.100
Deutsche marks	167.950
Swiss francs	206.850
UAE dirhams	74.400
French francs	50.500
Jordanian dinars	804.500

United Trading Group, Kuwait	
Tel 2420115-2420116	
US dollars	273.800
Sterling	500.250
Deutsche marks	167.950
Swiss francs	206.850
French francs	49.750
Japanese yen	216.300
Italian lira	229.450
Dutch guilder	149.250
Canadian dollar	209.800
Belgian francs	8.095
Spanish peseta	2.535
Austrian schilling	25.200
Cyprus pounds	613.800
Singapore dollar	138.100
Hong Kong dollar	36.200

Philippine peso	13.650
Lebanese pound	593.800
Australian dollar	197.200
Indian rupees	21.205
Pakistani rupees	15.745
Sri Lankan rupees	9.080
UAE dirham	74.585
Bahraini dinar	726.500
S. Yemeni dinar	798.000
N. Yemeni riyal	78.850
Saudi riyal	75.310
Qatari riyal	71.550
Omani riyal	71.550
Gold	
10 tolas	496.950
Kilo 995	4233.050
Kilo 999	4230.100
Kilo 999	4233.950

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US dollars	273.750
Sterling	500.300
Swiss francs	207.000
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French francs	049.600
Italian lira	0002.285
UAE dirhams	074.550
Pakistani rupees	015.710
Indian rupees	021.160
Saudi riyal	073.050
Lebanese pound	000.590
Japanese yen	002.165
Dutch guilder	149.200
Belgian francs	008.030
Bahraini dinar	727.000
Jordanian dinar	810.000
Hong Kong dollars	035.300
Spanish pesetas	002.480
Bangladesh taka	008.350
Thai baht	010.950
Sri Lankan rupees	008.960
Philippine peso	013.300
Cyprus pounds	615.000
Singapore dollars	137.100
S. Yemeni dinar	798.150

Gold	
One kilo	4265.000
Ten tola bar	500.000
5 grams	22.100
10 grams	43.600
20 grams	86.500
50 grams	215.000
100 grams	428.800
1 oz	134.000

Interest Rates	
FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.	
KD interest rates	
Period	Bid Offered
1 month	2-13/16 3-3/8
3 months	4-3/8 5
6 months	5-3/16 5-11/16
1 year	5-7/16 5-15/16

Kuwait

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	625000	27
GULF BANK	0.405	0.405	0.405	0.400	210000	7
COMMERCIAL BK	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
AMLI BANK	0.375	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.M.E	0.280	0.275	0.275	0.275	30000	2
K.R.E.B.	0.445	0.450	0.450	0.450	10000	1
BURGAN BANK	0.290	0.285	0.285	0.285	40000	4
K.F.HOUSE	0.510	0.520	0.520	0.510	305000	19

INVESTMENT SECTOR

KIT INV. CO.	0.214	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.200	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.T.C.	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.174	40000	1
COM.FACILITIES	0.400	0.415	0.415	0.400	100000	8
AMLIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.126	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KWT	0.120	0.110	0.110	0.110	20000	1

INSURANCE SECTOR

GULF INSURANCE	0.750	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
AMLI INS. CO.	0.570	0.580	0.580	0.580	5000	1
WARBA INS. CO.	0.490	---	---	---	---	---

REAL EST SECTOR

KVT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.285	0.290	0.290	0.285	80000	6
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.134	0.134	0.134	0.134	20000	1
SAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.258	0.260	0.260	0.258	120000	4
SALIAH R.E.	0.076	---	---	---	---	---
KVT PROJECTS	0.094	---	---	---	---	---
KVT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRY SECTOR

NAT IND. CO.	0.540	0.550	0.550	0.550	5000	1
KVT M.P. IND.	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
KVT CEMENT CO.	0.248	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.385	0.395	0.395	0.390	80000	6
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.020	1.010	1.020	1.010	185000	10
K.P.H.IND. CO.	0.188	0.190	0.190	0.190	120000	5

SERVICES SECTOR

OVERLAND TRANS	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	180000	3
K.N.C. CO.	0.198	---	---	---	---	---
KVT HOTELS CO.	0.168	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.196	0.200	0.200	0.200	40000	2
COM.MKT.CHPX.	0.019	---	---	---	---	---
MOBILE TELE.	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	610000	26

FOOD SECTOR

LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	20000	1
UNTD FISHERIES	0.142	---	---	---	---	---
UNTD POULTRY	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.246	320000	2
KVT FOODS	0.295	0.300	0.300	0.300	20000	2
AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---

NON-KWT SECTOR

BHN.INTER.BK	0.072	0.073	0.073	0.072	560000	8
BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.056	0.055	0.055	0.054	200000	4
UNTD.GULF BK	0.050	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.094	0.093	0.093	0.093	480000	5
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FIRST.GULF BK	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.095	---	---	---	---	---

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FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL. CO.	0.041	0.042	0.042	0.041	5790260	7
GULF INTL. INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.055	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

B-GULF MEDICAL	0.015	---	---	---	---	---
C-R.K.WHITE CHNT	0.017	---	---	---	---	---
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
E-FUJAIH CENT	0.008	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
H-UM QATWAIN	0.021	---	---	---	---	---

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO

NATIONAL STEEL	2.81	2.80	---	---	---	---
NTNL STEELING LINE	0.85	0.85	---	---	---	---
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28	---	---	---	---
PETRA BANK	2.09	2.12	---	---	---	---
PETRA ENTERPRISES	0.60	0.60	---	---	---	---
PETRA JOR.INS.	0.50	0.50	---	---	---	---
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.71	0.70	---	---	---	---
RAFFA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.47	0.46	---	---	---	---
SPINNING WEAVING	0.97	0.96	---	---	---	---
THE HOUSING BANK	1.70	1.70	---	---	---	---
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50	---	---	---	---
UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.30	1.32	---	---	---	---
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.94	0.87	---	---	---	---
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.70	---	---	---	---
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.01	1.04	---	---	---	---

Alshall stock price indices

Kuwait trade volume surges

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SPORTS

GIANTS ELIMINATE PACKERS FROM CONTENTION

Broncos move closer to playoffs



Morris (right) becomes the 2nd Giant to rush for more than 4,000 yards.

DENVER, Dec 20, (AP): John Elway passed for 237 yards and a touchdown and the Denver Broncos withstood Kansas City's fourth-quarter rally to post a 20-17 victory yesterday and move a step closer to the NFL playoffs.

The Chiefs scored with 6:36 left and had a chance to tie the game in the final minute, but Nick Lowery missed a 37-yard field goal attempt with 34 seconds to play.

Finals
Denver raised its record to 9-4-1 — the best in the American Conference. Denver could clinch the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a victory over San Diego in the regular-season finale next week. The loss dropped Kansas City to 3-11.

Denver scored on its only three possessions of the first half to take a seemingly commanding 17-3 lead.

Gene Lang's 3-yard run capped a 76-yard drive in the first quarter. Denver made it 10-0 early in the second period on Rich Karlis's 20-yard field goal.

Following a Kansas City field goal, Elway took the Broncos 80

yards in 13 plays, flipping an 8-yard scoring toss to running back Sammy Winder.

The Chiefs countered quickly in the second half as Herman Heard dashed off the left side, cut back to midfield and scampered 64 yards for a TD.

Another Karlis field goal put Denver up 20-10 before Kansas City cut the deficit to 20-17 on Bill Kenny's 8-yard pass to Stephane Paige with 6:36 remaining.

And in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Phil Simms threw two touchdown passes and became the Giants all-time leader in passing yards before being injured as New York defeated Green Bay 20-10 yesterday and eliminated the Packers from playoff contention.

Simms, completing 21-of-26 passes for 233 yards, hit halfback Lee Rouson on a 26-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and tight end Zeke Mowatt with a 1-yard TD pass in the third quarter.

Despite being plagued by injuries early in his career, Simms now has passed for 19,551 yards in nine seasons with New York,

breaking the club mark of 19,488 career yards set by Charlie Conerly between 1948 and 1961.

Simms, who won the Super Bowl MVP by hitting 22 of 25 passes, suffered a concussion midway through the fourth quarter while completing a 32-yard pass to Lionel Manuel and Jeff Rutledge finished the game.

Joe Morris, still looking for his first 100-yard rushing game this season, accounted for New York's other touchdown on a 3-yard run in the second quarter.

Morris became the second Giant to rush for more than 4,000 yards in a career in the first quarter. He went into the game 11 yards shy of the plateau reached previously on the Giants only by Alex Webster, who played in the 1950s and '60s.

The loss dropped Green Bay to 5-8-1 with one game left in the regular season, and left Minnesota, St. Louis and the Los Angeles Rams to battle for the final NFC wild-card playoff berth.

For the Giants, eliminated from any chance at defending their Super Bowl title, the victory was only their fifth in 14 games.

Foreman ready to fight Tyson for big money

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Dec 20, (AP): Former heavyweight champion George Foreman, continuing his unlikely comeback at age 39, says he is ready to take on current titleholder Mike Tyson — for big money.

"I want to fight Mike Tyson," he said after stopping Rocky Sekorski in the third round Friday night for his fifth straight knockout. "It doesn't do me any good to fight these guys for nickels and dimes. I'm looking for a good fight."

The unbeaten Tyson certainly would provide a good fight — and the lucrative payday Foreman is seeking, after collecting only \$10,000 for beating Sekorski.

"In reality, I can do it right now," Foreman said about fighting the hard-punching Tyson. "But give me another six months, so I can dress it up for the promoters."

Foreman is having so much fun in his comeback that he didn't even sit on the stool between rounds.

Impressive

"I'm full of excitement now," Foreman said after stopping the same but outclassed Sekorski at 2:48 of the third round in the most impressive fight of his comeback. "This old dog has got another few tricks left."

Foreman methodically pounded Sekorski with left jabs and savage rights before a string of about 30 uncounted head punches finally convinced referee Richard Steele to halt the one-sided fight.

"It's nothing new for the referee to come in and rescue a fighter from me," said Foreman, who held the heavyweight championship from January 1973 until Muhammad Ali stopped him in October 1974. "We don't want to see anyone hurt."

Foreman showed he still has zip in his left jab and power in his right hand, although at 244 pounds he fought flat-footed and showed little movement.

Zurbruggen finishes fourth

Tomba scores 5th World Cup win

KRANJSKA GORA, Yugoslavia, Dec 20, (AP): Italy's Alberto Tomba skied today to his fifth World Cup victory this season by winning a special slalom in this northern Yugoslav resort.

Tomba, who turned 21 yesterday, clocked the fastest time in both heats down the steep and difficult Vitrac track for a winning aggregate of 1:46.35 minutes.

Widened

Another Italian, Richard Pramotton, finished runner-up, 0.60 seconds behind the winner. It was Pramotton's best placing in the World Cup slalom competitions ever.

Austria's Gunther Mader finished third with a total time of 1:47.27 minutes.

Tomba's third victory in slalom this season, combined with two giant slalom triumphs, widened his lead in the overall Cup standings to 125 points.

Tomba recovered from a disappointing giant slalom race here yesterday, when a fall cut short his four-race winning streak.

Curcetti fails to come out for 9th round

Mitchell retains WBA crown

CAPO D'ORLANDO, Sicily, Dec 20, (Reuter): Brian Mitchell of South Africa retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-lightweight title last night when he stopped Francesco Curcetti of Italy in the ninth of 12 scheduled rounds.

The victory made Mitchell the first South African boxer to successfully defend a world title four times.

Bidding
For 27-year-old Curcetti, one year older than the champion, it was the first defeat in 17 professional bouts.

The end came after an evenly matched start to the fight, with Mitchell clearly bidding his time and drawing the Italian and



Tomba shows his joy after winning.

Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbruggen, the defending World Cup champion and a heavy favourite to capture at least three gold medals in the Olympic games at Calgary in February, finished fourth in 1:47.37, although slalom is not his speciality.

Rok Petrovic of Yugoslavia, former World Cup overall slalom winner, skied his best race this season to clock an aggregate of 1:48.04 for fifth place.

Swedish veteran Ingemar Stenmark placed sixth, lagging 1.72 seconds behind the winner. The Swede was only ninth after the first heat.

Another Yugoslav, Grega Benedik, dropped from third place after the first run to finish seventh in 1:48.09.

Tied for the eighth place were three Austrians, Hubert Strolz, Mathias Berthold and Dietmar Koehlbecher, each with an aggregate of 1:48.18.

Event

Today's event in this Slovenian resort was the third special slalom of the World Cup and the eighth event of this season's competition of Alpine skiing.

The competition continues with a parallel slalom in Bormio on Dec 22 and a downhill in Schlading on Dec 31.

Palmer and Walker lead

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec 20, (Reuter): Arnold Palmer and Colleen Walker carded nine birdies for a tournament-low round of 62 and the lead after yesterday's second round of the \$850,000 Sandy Bay Championship golf tournament.

Palmer and Walker, with a total of 15-under-par 127, hold a one-stroke advantage over fellow-Americans Miller Barber and Nancy Lopez.

First-round leaders Butch Baird and Chris Johnson were alone in third place on 129.

The 12 teams competing — composed of selected LPGA and PGA senior players — seemed unaffected by the gusting wind conditions on the par-71 course.

Punjab triumph twice

PUNJAB Cricket Club (Farwaniya) scored two victories in different tournaments on Friday.

In the first match on Friday morning, Punjab beat Millat Cricket Club by four runs in a Pak Sarhad Trophy game and in the afternoon they crushed Morning Star by 144 runs in a Millat Cricket Tournament match.

Decided

In the game against Millat, Punjab won the toss at the New Kheitan ground and decided to make first use of the wicket. Punjab were given a good start by their openers who put on 40 runs for the first wicket.

Punjab vice-captain Asif hammered the Millat bowlers and went on to score 53 as his team put in 119 runs for the loss of eight wickets in their 25 allotted overs.

Asif got some good support from Aziz Butt who hit 29 and Anwar Khan who remained unbeaten on 12.

In reply, Millat kept up with the run rate but soon ran into

some torrid bowling by the Punjab players. Tariq, Sharafat and Javed Hayat tormented the Millat batsmen and the whole team was out for 115, four runs short of their target.

Tariq was the main wicket-taker with four scalps while Sharafat and Javed got two each. Anwar Khan and Aziz Butt chipped in with one wicket each.

In the second match against Morning Star, Punjab again decided to bat first. Their openers again gave them a good start putting on 80 runs for the first wicket.

Asif was in excellent form and remained unbeaten on 86 as Punjab reached 193 for the loss of only three wickets. M. Anwar contributed 35, Sharafat 29, Aziz 16 and Amer 15.

Accurate

In reply, Morning Star had no answer to the accurate Punjab bowling and were all out for 49 in only 12 overs.

For Punjab, Tahseen was the main wicket-taker getting seven batsmen out for only 10 runs.

Doping tests will harm tennis, says Wilander



Wilander: against doping tests

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec 20, (Reuter): Sweden's Mats Wilander said yesterday that rumours of drug abuse on the professional tennis circuit were not true and that regular doping tests would only harm the reputation of world tennis.

"There are no doping cases in tennis so there is no reason to introduce tests," he told a news conference after leading Sweden to an unassailable 3-0 lead against India in the Davis Cup final.

Suspicion

"Doping tests would unfairly stain the reputation of tennis because they would suggest suspicion, a lack of trust," said Wilander, ranked number three in the world.

But he added that if serious suspicions arose in the future, tests might become necessary.

Rumours of drug abuse among tennis professionals have prompted calls that tennis should join the rising number of sports which regularly test their elite for doping.

The debate intensified after the elevation of tennis to an Olympic sport, starting with next year's Games in South Korea. Random doping tests are the practice at the Olympics.

Wilander said there was a 50 per cent chance that he would compete in Seoul.

"The prospect of winning an Olympic medal does not excite me as much as, say, the Davis Cup or Wimbledon," he said. "It might take 15 or 20 years before the Olympics becomes a big thing in tennis."

Planning

Compatriot Stefan Edberg, who won the unofficial tennis tournament at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, said he was planning to play in Seoul.

"I don't know what weight an Olympic medal would carry, but it would be great fun to play there," Edberg, ranked second in the world, said.

Edberg was ruled out of the final tie because of an ankle injury.

India turn Cup final into joyful family outing

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec 20, (Reuter): India, fielding a Los Angeles film producer and a New York businessman against Sweden's world tennis stars, turned the 76th Davis Cup final into a joyful family outing.

Team captain Vijay Amritraj, 34, who is in semi-retirement from tennis and runs a small film company with brother Ashok, had vainly urged Sweden to do the same.

"Don't take it too seriously ... why not let my old friend Bjorn Borg play a few matches," pleaded Amritraj before the opening ceremony last Friday.

Ranked

"You can afford to take a chance or two, everyone knows that Sweden against India is the most one-sided Davis Cup final of all time," he added.

And so it proved. Amritraj, ranked 218th in the world, was never close to winning a set against Anders Jarryd, ranked 14th, in the opening singles.

Playing with his unranked 36-year-old brother Anand, who runs a tennis club and restaurant on New York's Long Island, he did win one set in yesterday's doubles against Mats Wilander and Joakim Nystrom, but the outcome was never in doubt.

India's number one Ramesh Krishnan was all smiles when posing behind the bulky Davis Cup trophy with his father Ramanathan and other members of his family, the women in stunningly coloured saris.

"This is a nice way to meet up with my family and relatives," he said.

Ramanathan Krishnan, star of the Indian team which lost the 1966 Davis Cup final in Australia, had little hope his son would improve the family's fortunes.

Advised

"Nobody expects you to win. Just relax and enjoy yourself ... play loose and play free," he advised his son.

Krishnan the younger, ranked 49th in the world, remained smiling after his defeat in straight sets to world number three Mats Wilander.

"He is simply a better player than me," Krishnan said, adding that his main concern had been in finding a good Indian restaurant in Gothenburg.

India reached the final after unlikely victories against Argentina, Israel and Australia, but those ties were all played on fast grass courts favoured by the Indians.

The style of the Swedes and Indians contrasted starkly during the final with the highly-motivated Wilander and Jarryd adopting a rigid baseline strategy while the Indians played a more elegant and imaginative, but far less effective, game.

The portly, well-groomed Krishnan looks more like a merchant banker than a tennis player, and Vijay Amritraj appears as though he would be happier back in the role of James Bond's accomplice who used a tennis racket to fend off his pursuers in the 007 film Octopussy.

Amritraj has lost much of the agility which helped him reach Wimbledon quarterfinals in 1973 and 1981, and against Jarryd he stumbled and fell when trying to run backwards.

Humour

But in a scene symbolic of India's graceful style of defeat, Amritraj turned humiliation into a victory for humour by sitting up, leisurely crossing his legs, and awaiting Krishnan's arrival with a towel to tend him down.

"The Davis Cup of 1987 was a fairytale, a wonderful dream," said Amritraj.

"Then those damn Swedes had to come along and wake me up."

Kasparov crowned chess king at closing ceremony

SEVILLE, Spain, Dec 20, (Agencies): Garry Kasparov was crowned world chess champion at a ceremony surrounded by the ornate splendour of Seville's famous Moorish palace as Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra and chess officials looked on.

The chief arbiter, Geurt Gijssen of Holland, declared the match ended 12-12 yesterday following the champion's triumph in the 24th and final game of the championship match with fellow Soviet and challenger Anatoly Karpov. Karpov will remain champion until 1990.

Florencio Campomanes, the president of the World Chess Federation (Fide), said it was "an honour and a pleasure" to announce that Kasparov had retained his title after Karpov resigned the final game after 64 moves.

Showed

After being presented with the victor's red sash and receiving a wreath of laurel at the Reales Alcázares Palace, Kasparov said: "Today I showed that I'm not only the best player, but I'm the best fighter, the one who wins the final games."

After playing such disappointing chess earlier in the contest, "it was a pleasure to play like this today. It was one of the two most important games in my life," said Kasparov, 24.

Kasparov seized Karpov's championship crown on Nov 9, 1985, with a stunning 24th game victory in their second title duel.

"The next three years are very important," he added.

He said it was impossible to describe his feelings after his victory, but told a reporter he felt "excellent." It was the same word Kasparov had used after he became champion two years ago.

Karpov, 36, and his wife Natasha attended the ceremony and sat near Kasparov amongst organisers and officials. The two men spoke briefly and Karpov managed a smile as the champion received his laurels. Both Karpov and his wife applauded.

Among those on hand to congratulate both players was Soviet Vice Minister for Sports Anatoly Kolesov.

He expressed pride that two Soviets had played for the world chess championship and paid tribute "to the mastery of the players, both of whom represent the Soviet school of chess."

When Karpov resigned the 24th game, the capacity crowd in the 700-seat Lope de Vega Theatre rose to their feet and broke into tumultuous applause.

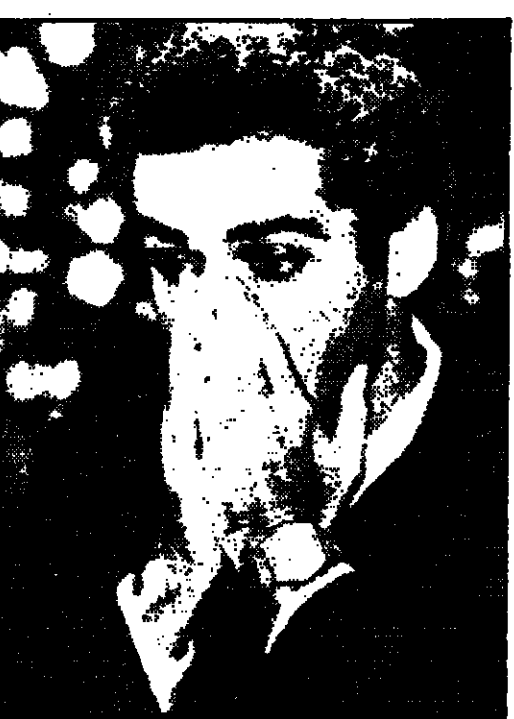
But in a gesture of mutual respect, the players remained in their seats, discussing the game for a full eight minutes, as if oblivious to the audience.

When their post-mortem ended Karpov left the auditorium. Kasparov moved to the left side of the stage and lept up into the air and into the arms of Victor Litvinov, his aide and close friend waiting in the wings.

For several minutes Kasparov celebrated with members of his



Karpov follows his wife Natasha as they leave Lope de Vega Theatre. Right: Kasparov ponders over a move. (Reuter radiophotos)



delegation, but the audience refused to halt their thunderous rhythmic applause.

Kasparov reappeared with match officials and triumphantly raised both hands in the air, provoking another roar from the crowd.

Kasparov's arch-enemy, Campomanes, was jeered by the audience.

"Campomanes was twice

booed off the stage," said Paul Lamford, the editor of the British magazine Chess.

But when Campomanes shook hands with both players he received a round of applause.

Kasparov returned to his special rest room behind the stage to celebrate with members of his team.

"There was a lot of hugging and kissing," said Andrew Page,

a 42-year-old Briton who is Kasparov's business manager in the West.

With Karpov leading 12-11, Kasparov needed to win the final game to tie the match score and keep his title.

After a frantic time scramble Friday, Kasparov adjourned the game one pawn ahead.

A display of subtle manoeuvring enabled Kasparov to

penetrate his queen into the heart of his opponents position and leave Karpov defenseless.

In Moscow, chess-loving Soviet citizens followed every move of the Championship and will be talking about Kasparov's 11th-hour victory over Karpov for weeks to come.

"I didn't miss a minute," said airline official Oleg 35, one of a handful of Muscovites questioned on the street this morning.

"I play myself so I was naturally very interested. I wanted Kasparov to win because he takes more risks," he said.

Television and newspapers gave extensive coverage to the 10-week match.

With the score standing at 12-11, Karpov, 36, who held the title for a decade until 1985, needed only a draw to regain it. Kasparov had to win the final game, a feat never before achieved in title chess history, but he did it.

"What a genius," chuckled an elderly Kazakh man who said he had always known Kasparov would win.

"But just to encourage him when he was down, I sent him a telegram saying I had faith in him," he said.

Ask almost anyone on the street about chess and they are likely to be knowledgeable spectators even if they do not play.

This reflects the enormous interest in the game in the Soviet Union, where children learn to play in school and old men do battle on park benches in summer and winter.

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Davis Cup

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec 20. (AP) Anders Jarryd and Mats Wilander completed a 5-0 shutout over India in the Davis Cup final by winning today's reversed singles in straight sets. Jarryd, who replaced the injured Stefan Edberg in the final, outplayed Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 6-3 and Wilander whipped Vijay Amritraj 6-2, 6-0 on the red indoor clay.

Women's hockey

BAD NEUENAU, West Germany, Dec 20. (Reuters) Favourites West Germany overcame the Netherlands 10-8 in the final today to take the women's European Indoor Hockey Championship for the fifth time in a row.

Smoke scare

NOTTINGHAM, England, Dec 20. (AP) Police and officials of a soccer club were praised today for preventing a near riot after smoke billowed from the stand at the Notts County-Preston North End match, causing scenes reminiscent of the 1985 Bradford fire disaster that killed 56 people.

IOC chief

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Dec 20. (Reuters) International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today that last week's presidential elections in South Korea would contribute to the smooth running of the 1988 Seoul Games.

Brest boss

BREST, France, Dec 20. (Reuters) Francois Yvinec, president of French First Division soccer club Brest, said he used disguise and spread a false trail to escape criminal charges in Colombia and bring back a prized Paraguayan striker.

Portugal win

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec 20. (Reuters) Portugal beat Malta 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in their European Soccer Championship Group Two qualifying match today.

Giant slalom

PIANCAVALLO, Italy, Dec 20. (AP) Catherine Quittet of France won her first-ever giant slalom and her second race in the women's World Cup competition today at this north Italian resort.

Sheikh Fahd

THE chairman of Kuwait Football Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed yesterday renewed his invitation to the Hebron Sports Club, in the occupied West Bank, to play in Kuwait with Palestinian clubs here next month.

Berbick charged

HALIFAX, Dec 20. (AP) Heavyweight boxer Trevor Berbick has been charged with sexually assaulting a teenage girl in Halifax more than two years ago, the Halifax News reports.

Canada triumph

MOSCOW, Dec 20. (AP) Canada beat the Soviets 3-2 in the third round of the Izvestia hockey tournament, marking the first time in 15 years that a Canadian team has won a game in the Soviet Union.

Easy victories

PARIS, Dec 20. (AP) Pernel Whitaker of the United States and Jose-Luis Ramirez of Mexico scored easy boxing victories last night to set up a world championship bout next March.

Snatch record

TOKYO, Dec 20. (AP) He Zhuoqing of China broke the world snatch record with a lift of 118 kilograms today in the 52-kilogramme class in the Japan-China Friendship Weightlifting Meet in Niihama, southwestern Japan.

NHL games

NEW YORK, Dec 20. (Reuters) Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):
St. Louis 7 Boston 5
Philadelphia 5 New York 4
Pittsburgh 4 Rangers 3
Hartford 4 Edmonton 3
Buffalo 2 Montreal 1
Chicago 6 Toronto 1
New Jersey 3 Minnesota 1
Calgary 4 Los Angeles 1

French soccer

PARIS, Dec 20. (Reuters) French First Division soccer results yesterday:
Bordeaux 1 Montpellier 0
Brest 2 Marseille 1
Cannes 1 Toulouse 1
Laval 0 Auxerre 0
Lille 1 Lens 1
Metz 0
Nantes 0 Nice 1
Saint-Etienne 2 Nantes 0
Toulon 3 Le Havre 0
Monaco 2 P.S. German 1

Paris race

PARIS, Dec 20. (Reuters) U.S. champion Pat Porter won the 12-km Figaro cross-country race today, emulating Morocco's Said Aouita who was the only previous non-French victor in 27 editions of the annual event.

QADIR TAKES ENGLAND TO BRINK OF DEFEAT

Gooch holds Pakistan at bay

KARACHI, Dec 20. (Reuters) An unbeaten 79 by Graham Gooch was all that stalled a final humiliation for England as Pakistan's spin wizard Abdul Qadir again brought the visitors to the brink of defeat in the third and last Test here today.

Qadir took three wickets and only resolute defence by David Capel and then vice-captain John Emburey helped Gooch prevent a total collapse as England moved slowly to 150 for five in their second innings by the end of the fourth day's play.

This gave them a precarious lead of 91 with one day remaining after finally dismissing Pakistan for 353 in their first innings in reply to England's 294.

But England, one down in the three-match series, will face a further testing time from Qadir when play resumes tomorrow if they are to avoid another defeat to end their strife-torn tour.

Qadir, who took five wickets in England's first innings, was brought into the attack after only five overs and responded by dismissing opener Chris Broad for 13.

The spinner later accounted for Neil Fairbrother for one and Capel for 24, but it was Salim Jaffer who rocked England's top



Gatting argues with umpire Khizar Hayat after Aamir was not given caught behind off De Freitas today. (Reuters radiophoto)

order after they had recovered to 54 for one.

The left-arm paceman dismissed Bill Athey for 12 and captain Mike Gatting for a duck in the

space of five balls to make that 54 for three and still five runs adrift of clearing the first innings arrears.

Fairbrother completed an

unhappy series by becoming Qadir's second victim seven runs later to plunge the visitors even deeper in trouble.

That brought Capel to the crease, and he batted with confidence, pulling and then driving Qadir to the boundary. But when he had made 24, he mistimed a leg-break to be caught at gully by Iqbal Qasim at the second attempt and leave England on 115 for five.

The position could have been even worse, but Javed Miandad at gully put down a chance from Emburey when he had made only three, and the off-spin bowler, who made 70 in the first innings, made full use of the opportunity to keep England's slim hopes alive.

Together with Gooch, he added 35 runs in an unfinished sixth-wicket partnership to be undefeated on nine at the close. England took the last two Pakistan wickets in the first 40 minutes after they resumed on 345 for eight, denying Aamir Malik a well-deserved century.

Malik, who rescued Pakistan after they had been reduced to 146 for six, was undefeated on 98 when Phillip De Freitas wrapped up the innings to finish with his first five-wicket Test match haul

at a cost of 86 runs.

ENGLAND first innings 294 (D. Capel 98, J. Emburey 70, Qadir five for 88).

PAKISTAN first innings (overnight 345 for eight)

Mundassar Nazar lbw b De Freitas 56
Rameez Raja c French b Cook 50
Salim Malik c Gatting b De Freitas 55
Javed Miandad lbw b Emburey 4
Iqbal Qasim run out 4
Aamir Malik not out 98
Ashraf Ali c French b Dilley 12
Wasim Akram c French b De Freitas 37
Abdul Qadir b Capel 61
Iqbal Qasim c French b De Freitas 11
Salim Jaffer lbw b De Freitas 0
Extras (lb-11 nb-8) 19
Total (all out 133.5 overs) 353
Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-105 3-110 4-110 5-122 6-146 7-222 8-316 9-349
Bowling: G.A. Dilley 21-2-102-1 P.A.J. De Freitas 23-5-86-5 J.E. Emburey 53-24-90-1 N.G.B. Cook 33-12-56-1 D.J. Capel 3-0-8-1

ENGLAND second innings

G. Gooch not out 79
C. Broad lbw b Qadir 13
W. Athey c Ashraf Ali b Jaffer 12
M. Gatting lbw b Jaffer 0
N. Fairbrother c Ash b Qadir 1
D. Capel c Iqbal Qasim b Qadir 24
J. Emburey not out 12
Extras (lb-4 nb-2) 12
Total (for five wickets) 150
Fall of wickets: 1-34 2-54 3-54 4-61 5-115
Bowling to date: Salim Jaffer 25-6-45-2 Aamir Malik 2-0-7-0 Abdul Qadir 34-8-59-3, Iqbal Qasim 12-2-29-0.

Kiwis collapse in second innings

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Dec 20. (Reuters) Captain Jeff Crowe suffered another batting failure in a New Zealand collapse on the third day of the touring side's four-day match against Tasmania today.

New Zealand were 108 for six in their second innings — a lead of 213 — after the first two wickets put on 83. All-rounder Peter Faulkner took three wickets in 11 balls as five went down for the addition of 18 runs.

Crowe potted about for 118 minutes, the last 81 of them without scoring, for 10 runs before becoming the third victim of both Faulkner and wicketkeeper Richard Soule. He has now scored only 127 runs in nine first-class innings at an average of 14.11.

Earlier Tasmania, replying to New Zealand's first innings 410 for seven declared, had been struggling to avert the follow-on. But a sparkling 85 from 151 balls with 13 fours by former Victorian batsman Mick Taylor saw them out of danger.

Other good contributions to Tasmania's total of 305 came from Faulkner with 46 with four fours and captain Brian Davison, whose unbeaten 30 came from 47 balls.

Fast-medium bowler Danny Morrison mopped up the tail with the second new ball to finish with three for 85 from 19.5 overs but 37-year-old Ewen Chatfield, with two for 60 in 30 overs, looked the best of the bowlers, enhancing his chances of regaining a Test Place.

New Zealand began their second innings solidly, John Wright and Phil Horne putting on 42 in 62 minutes before Wright was bowled round his legs by Tim Bower for 30.

Horne was next to go at 83 when he was well caught down the leg side by Soule off Troy Cooley for 35.

His dismissal triggered a collapse which saw Ken Rutherford brilliantly caught in the gully by Faulkner off Cooley. Andy Jones trapped leg before by Faulkner and Patel and Crowe caught behind off the same bowler.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 410 for seven declared (P Horne 125, I Smith 62) TASMANIA first innings (overnight 170 for four)
D Boun lbw b Gray 44
N Jelic c Wright b Chatfield 8
G Hughes c Wright b Watson 8
M Taylor c Smith b Chatfield 88
D Buckingham b Gray 5
B Cruise c Jones b Patel 32
P Faulkner c Smith b Morrison 46
R Soule c Smith b Watson 37
B Davison not out 30
T Cooley c Smith b Morrison 4
T Bower c J Crowe b Morrison 2
Extras (lb-5 nb-8) 13
Total (all out) 385
Fall of wickets: 1-8 2-65 3-84 4-98 5-170 6-217 7-258 8-285 9-289
Bowling to date: Morrison 19.5-1-85-3 (nb-4), Chatfield 30-10-60-2, Watson 20-2-72-2 (nb-4), Gray 15-7-28-2, Patel 17-2-55-1.

NEW ZEALAND second innings

J Wright b Bower 30
P Horne c Soule b Cooley 35
J Crowe c Soule b Faulkner 10
K Rutherford c Faulkner b Cooley 3
A Jones lbw b Faulkner 4
D Patel c Soule b Faulkner 0
E Gray not out 3
I Smith not out 3
Extras (lb-5 nb-1 w-1 nb-3) 19
Total (for six wickets) 108
Fall of wickets: 1-42 2-83 3-91 4-97 5-97 6-101
Bowling to date: Cooley 14-2-32-2 (nb-3 w-1), Bower 12-2-39-1, Faulkner 18-10-22-3.

West Indies brush aside President's XI

VISAKHAPATNAM, India, Dec 20. (Reuters) All-rounder Eldine Baptiste took seven for 70, giving him match figures of 11 for 97, as West Indies beat a young Indian Cricket Board President's XI by an innings and 83 runs on the final day of the three-day match here today.

The President's XI, bowled out for 93 in their first innings, were dismissed for 218 second time around having resumed at 97 for four.

Anshuman Gaekwad, experienced captain of the home team, complained about the pitch. "We performed below

expectations but this new pitch played badly. It was not a perfect one for trying young players on."

Baptiste, in particular, gained variable bounce with his fast-medium bowling, the ball sometimes keeping low and at others climbing awkwardly.

Even so, the President's XI batted with considerably more spirit in their second innings than they did in their first and Sanjay Manjrekar and W.V. Raman both made impressive contributions.

Manjrekar, who played in the first Test against West Indies but missed the second through injury, hit eight fours in his 47. He was out edging a nasty ball

from Baptiste to second slip where the catcher Jeff Dujon was fielding while reserve wicket-keeper David Williams stood behind the stumps.

Raman's 51 came in 118 minutes off 87 balls including nine fours. He was last out, lbw to a ball from Baptiste that kept low. Dujon was named Man of the Match for his 123 in West Indies' innings of 394.

Scoreboard
WEST INDIES first innings 394 (J. Dujon 123, G. Logie 54, S. Sharma six for 136)

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI first innings 93 (E. Baptiste four for 27)

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI

second innings (overnight 97 for four)
A. Gaekwad c Hooper b Benjamin 25
L. Rajput c Richardson b Baptiste 4
K.A. Qayyum lbw b Baptiste 4
S. Manjrekar c Dujon b Baptiste 47
A. Sharma c Simmons b Richards 27
S. Viswanath c Williams b Davis 5
W.V. Raman lbw b Baptiste 51
G. Sharma c Batts b Baptiste 17
S. Gadge b Baptiste 13
R. Patel not out 6
Extras (lb-4 nb-1 nb-6) 11
Total (all out) 218
Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-39 3-43 4-97 5-120 6-120 7-145 8-165 9-193
Bowling: Baptiste 26-2-70-7, Benjamin 8-1-34-1, Batts 21-0-71-0, Richards 8-5-8-1, Davis 5-0-30-1.

West Indies won by an innings and 83 runs.

Napoli and Roma trounce opponents

ROME, Dec 20. (Reuters) Diego Maradona helped unbeaten Napoli to a 4-1 win over a depleted Verona, while Massimo Agostini scored twice in Roma's 5-1 rout of Pescara in the last matches of 1987 in the Italian First Division today.

Argentine World Cup captain Maradona scored once but had a penalty saved 10 minutes from the finish.

In the Milan derby, where tight security was in place following last week's near tragic firework hooliganism, second-placed AC Milan beat Internazionale 1-0 thanks to a third minute own goal by Riccardo Ferri.

Results			
Ascoli	3	Florentina	0
Catania	0	Torino	0
Empoli	2	Cesena	2
Inter	0	Milan	1
Juventus	1	Sampdoria	1
Napoli	4	Verona	1
Pisa	0	Avellino	0
Roma	5	Pescara	1

Three S. Korean boxers win

SOUTH KOREANS stole the show on the opening day of the Asian Boxing Championship, being held in Kuwait, with three victories on Saturday evening.

Iraq, Thailand, Pakistan, India and Syria had two boxers each winning in their first round.

Four of Kuwait's boxers fought on Saturday evening, with three of them losing on technical knockouts and the fourth on points. Adel Abdullah was the Kuwaiti boxer to lose on points after putting up a good fight against John Williams of India.

Kuwait's Mohammed Abdul Aziz lost to Saadoun Matar of Iraq, Abbas Faleh lost to Yong Kim of South Korea and Khaled Abdullah went down to Mong-

son of Thailand.

The other South Korean boxers to move into the next round were Kong Kim who beat a Japanese on points and Park who also scored a points victory over Baqer Abdul Nabi.

Pakistan's Abrar Hussain went into the second round of the light-middleweight category by stopping Abdullah Salem while Basil scored a points victory over Iraqi Majed Mahmoud.

India, which lost two of the four bouts it took part in on Saturday, saw its second victory come in the light-middleweight category when Gopal outpointed a Thai.

Both the Syrian boxers took their bouts on points. Hamad

Halboushi outpointed a Sri Lankan while Basem Hindi overcame a Thai.

A total of 18 fights were being held late last night.

The president of the International Boxing Federation, Anwar Choudhry, is scheduled to hold a press conference this evening at 9.00 pm at the Holiday Inn.

Drugs row

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec 20. (UPI) Tim Hutchings, one of Britain's senior international track and field athletes, stepped into the drugs row which has rocked the sport in Britain this week.

In a three-part series which named names, the Times newspaper printed what it claimed was conclusive proof of cover-ups of drug-taking.

Spurs edge past Derby

LONDON, Dec 20. (AP) Clive Allen, top scorer in English soccer last season, ended a lengthy personal goal drought by firing the winner for Tottenham Hotspur in a 2-1 victory over Derby County today as the north London soccer club earned its first victory under new manager Terry Venables.

In another First Division game staged today, Charlton Athletic tied 2-2 at home to Chelsea to climb off the bottom of the standings.

Tottenham came from a goal down to snatch victory with

second half strikes by Belgian international Nico Claessen (66 minutes) and Allen (82).

It was Allen's first goal in 16 games. Last season he bagged 49 League and Cup goals for Tottenham.

Results			
Charlton	2	Chelsea	2
Derby	1	Tottenham	2
Plymouth	2	Barnsley	1
Sheff Wed	1	Swindon	0
Mansfield	4	Port Vale	0
Sunderland	3	Rotherham	0

Ghassan outshoots Angelo

THERE was a large turnout for Kuwait Archery Federation's sixth competition of the season with seniors, juniors and cadets competing.

The seniors shot 90 arrows over three distances of 40 yards, 50 yards and 60 yards. The maximum score being 900. After a very close competition throughout the day it looked as if Angelo Zicarella would hold onto his lead but in the last 6 arrows Ghassan Johairy overtook him.

Ghassan scored 702, Angelo scored 702 and Omer Al Essa scored 568. This is the first time Omer has shot over these distances. A relative newcomer to the sport was Remi Pascal who scored a very creditable 540.

In the women's division the first record was broken this season. After a seven-month break from archery, Carolyn Tshering scored 717 with 248 on the 50 yards which breaks her previous record of 244.

The junior boys shot 90 arrows over three distances — 25 metres, 20 metres and 15 metres. First was Unni Krishnan, second

Basam Malik and third Sulaiman Al Salman. The junior girls division was won by Mahwash Malik.

In the Cadet A division 90 arrows over three distances were shot. Dawood Ismail was the clear winner with 727. Second was Mishaal Al Mishari with 518 and Waleed Jabran came third with 514. Sheyma Jallad came first in the girls Cadet A division.

Reem Malik came first in the Cadet B division becoming the third Malik to win a division in the competition. Rosie Galhotra came second and Ali Sakhal third.

The prizes were presented by Mohammed M. Al Shaheen, managing director of the Hunting & Equestrian Club.

The archery facilities offered by the club include an extensive outdoor range conforming to international standards. The club is now building an indoor range, the first of its kind in the Gulf, where archers can shoot up to 25 metres. For further information tele. 4739199 Ext 48/31 or 4739721.

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